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MR. HULL'S URGE FOR SPEEDY SUPPLY OF WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN IS WELCOMED BY AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON THE AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN BILL, WHEN HE URGED FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR SUPPLYING WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN, HAS RECEIVED A GREAT DISPLAY IN THE AMERICAN PRESS, STATES A MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

The emphasis with which Mr. Hull declared that, unless the United States rapidly turns herself into an arsenal, she may be too late to save herself, has caused a deep impression.

The NEW YORK TIMES says: "No one can accuse Mr. Hull of an attempt at war-mongering. He is the strongest advocate of non-intervention and of the functions of International Law."

The NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE states: "The totalitarian attack is real. Strategic facts are real and the importance of Britain for the preservation of the United States, is a reality. These are facts, which the Secretary of State placed before the Committee and we cannot face facts half-way."

Financing Of Orders For War Supplies

British Wireless states that some interesting details on the financing of the orders for war supplies placed by Britain in the United States were laid before the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury, MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU.

They showed that Britain had paid for and taken delivery of \$331,750,000 worth of material by Jan. 1, and Britain would need \$754,750,000 to pay for the purchases of this year.

Of that sum, \$366,000,000 would be in excess of British "dollar funds" available for buying in the United States.

JAPAN COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED BY ANGLO-U.S. INFLUENCE

The Japanese Press reports uneasiness over the Japanese new order in the Far East, states a London message.

The Yomiuri Shimbun referring to the strengthening of HONGKONG and SINGAPORE states that it is no exaggeration to say that Japan is completely encircled by Anglo-American influence. Japan should go ahead and seek the only way out of her difficulty.

PETERS' APPEAL HEARING

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The appeal of Vincent Peters, the British merchant resident in Kobe, against the sentence of eight years' penal servitude on a charge of military espionage, is due for a second hearing at Osaka on Jan. 20.

The first hearing of the appeal on Monday, was a secret.

Mr. Peters was arrested on Jan. of last year, and was sentenced in September.

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Today's News Summary

BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS IN NEW YORK EXPRESS THE OPINION that in view of his reputation for caution and accuracy a powerful effect will be created throughout America by Mr. Cordell Hull's statement in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives that if Germany won the war the Atlantic would provide but little barrier to attacks on the Americas.

THE FULL STORY IS NOW TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS OF HOW THE British aircraft-carrier *ILLUSTRIOUS* held off one of the most determined attacks by German dive-bombers in the Mediterranean.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT H.M. SUBMARINE *PANDORA*, FORMERLY on the China Station, has sunk two Italian supply ships, each of 5,000 tons, in the Mediterranean.

THE 40 RAIDS TO DATE CARRIED OUT BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE on Wilhelmshaven renders it impossible for this big German industrial centre to resume war work for some time.

IN A BROADCAST TO THE UNITED STATES, THE BRITISH MINISTER OF SHIPPING said that it was much more necessary to strike hard and even harder at the weakest point in the Axis armour—the Mediterranean.

CENTENARY LOYALTY MESSAGE

At the commencement of the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Acting Governor, LT.-GEN. E. F. NORTON, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., moved that the following message be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to His Majesty the King:—

That the Legislative Council of this Colony, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Colony's foundation, humbly renews the expression of its loyalty to the Throne, and its devotion to the Empire's cause.

HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON (Senior Unofficial Member): Sir, I have very great pleasure in seconding that.

HON. MR. M. K. LO: Sir, on behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire most respectfully to associate ourselves with the resolution.

CITRINE TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the Trade Union Congress, is being invited to visit Australia, according to an announcement of the Commonwealth Information Department. Last month Sir Walter visited the United States where he addressed various meetings.

SOME TIME BEFORE WILHELMSHAVEN CAN RESUME WAR WORK

It will be some time before WILHELMSHAVEN can resume its war work, stated a London message yesterday, when announcing a heavy attack delivered on the town by R.A.F. bombers. This was the third attack in seven days, and the main objective was shipbuilding yards.

Wilhelmshaven has been raided 40 times already, but in Wednesday's night attack, the port was hit harder than on any previous occasions.

Wilhelmshaven is the centre of German war activities, and it will be some time before normal work there can be resumed.

The Germans admit that fires were started and that the raid was apparently directed against military objectives.

In Wednesday's night's German raids over BRITAIN, two enemy raiders were shot down by the R.A.F.

It is interesting to note that the British night fighter is scoring increasing successes against the night raiders and on Wednesday night they were helped by bright moonlight, and they must have gained valuable experience for the future.

One of the two German bombers was shot to smithereens and the other crashed in flames. All the crew were killed, except a man who baled out.

This man knocked at the door of a house and called out: "German, German." The inmates of the house took him in and informed the authorities. He was taken to hospital and was seen to be wearing the Iron Cross.

BUILDING DEMOLISHED

London's fire-fighters prevented another fire raid on LONDON in dealing with the incendiaries dropped by the raiders, who also dropped some explosives, but the casualties were not heavy. Most of the casualties occurred in one building, which was demolished by a bomb.

Several EAST COAST and MIDLANDS towns were also raided, but throughout the country the damage was not extensive.

According to Reuters, an Italian communiqué states that British planes on Wednesday night bombed CATANIA.

Material damage was stated to have been small, but there are some casualties.

Catania airport is believed to be one of the bases, from which German dive-bombers attacked the British aircraft-carrier *ILLUSTRIOUS*. This airport was bombed by the R.A.F. on Sunday two days after the attack on the *ILLUSTRIOUS* began.

GEN. WU TE-CHEN IN RANGOON

ATHENS, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—A Chinese goodwill mission headed by General Wu Te-chen, Minister for Overseas Affairs, arrived today and was given an enthusiastic reception.

Ex-China Station Submarine Sinks Italian Supply Ships

News of a further British success in the Mediterranean was announced in London yesterday when it was stated that the British submarine *PANDORA* (well-known on the China Station) had sunk two Italian supply ships each of 5,000 tons.

One of the ships was carrying a cargo of motor vehicles.

The Admiralty announced yesterday that H.M.S. *Southampton* (9,000 tons) which was damaged in the Mediterranean action has now become a total loss.

Fire broke out on board as a result of the damage and reached such proportions that the vessel had to be abandoned and she was sunk by the R.A.F.

FULL STORY OF HOW ILLUSTRIOUS FOUGHT OFF DETERMINED ATTACK BY NAZI BOMBERS

A correspondent who was on board H.M. AIRCRAFT-CARRIER *ILLUSTRIOUS* has now told the full story of how the ship fought off the most determined attack made by German dive-bombers, states a London message.

He declared that 14 or 15 German planes dropped 100, 1,000lb. bombs in a desperate attempt to sink the ship. The correspondent said that he himself was in the mess room, when a heavy bomb exploded on the flight deck.

The guns of the *ILLUSTRIOUS* were crashing out simultaneously, and although the German bomb dropped close, the guns went on firing and the crews kept to their stations in spite of flying splinters. Whenever the attacks slackened, those on deck had to carry the wounded below. One heavy bomb burst so close to the ship, that the explosion threw him down the hatch.

Between 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. there was never a two-minute lull from exploding bombs and the continuous rattle of guns of every calibre.

TORPEDO ATTACK

Just before the attack was beaten off, a torpedo attack was delivered. The order was given to push the *ILLUSTRIOUS* out at top speed and the torpedo which was dropped, swished into the water a

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GERMANY WILL TRY TO IMPOSE PEACE ON GREEKS BY TAKING ACTION IN BULGARIA

The suggestions that the Germans will try to impose a peace on the Greeks by taking action in Bulgaria, and that they will first occupy Bulgaria, and then threaten Greece, are made in an Australian message.

A Turkish paper, according to a message from London, discusses the suggestion that German troops might be sent to Bulgaria and declares that such an intention would not fall to upset everything in that area.

The Turkish paper goes on to add that it would be a mistake that Soviet neutrality would remain unaffected by such arbitrary methods.

The Moscow Radio has repeated the official denial that Russia had consented to the movements of German troops into Bulgaria.

Reports are still being received in London from various sources that Germans have been entering Bulgaria by the hundreds as tourists and commercial travellers, but the Bulgarian Government has denied that any foreign troops have entered the country, or that she has made any protest in this connexion.

MUST BE READY

Another comment states that Bulgaria may have to be over-come by force and adds that Bulgaria must be ready for sacrifices at any moment.

The British successes in the Mediterranean have been responsible for keeping Bulgaria out of the war and have also safeguarded the balance in the Far East.

GREEKS CAPTURE PRISONERS

ATHENS, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—Successful local encounters and capture of prisoners and much material are reported in Wednesday night's communiqué.

New Type Of Barbed Wire

A new type of barbed wire is being produced in Australia. It is the invention of a young Adelaide man, says an Australian message, and it CANNOT BE BROKEN UP BY BOMBING ATTACKS.

The Australian Army is now being supplied with field engineering equipment made in Australia. All manufacturing plants are working overtime to supply the Army with such equipment as collapsible boats, searchlights and signalling apparatus, etc.

Most of the equipment on order is pouring into Army stores, and large quantities will also be sold overseas after the A. I. F. needs have been fully met.

ABYSSINIA REBELLION LIKE FIRE

ITALIANS RUSH UP FORCES

A rebellion is running like a fire in Abyssinia, states a message from Australia, and the Italians have had to rush up reinforcements to help the garrisons on the frontier.

Numbers of chieftains have arrived to prostrate themselves before Emperor Haile Selassie.

A London message adds that the R.A.F. dropped leaflets over Abyssinia containing Haile Selassie's announcement that he will lead his army against the Italians in Abyssinia.

MOVEMENT SPREADING

Reuters' Special correspondent on the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier says the insurrectionary movement in Albania is centred mainly in the district between Berat and Elbasan, but spreading both north and south.

According to reliable reports, the last two Albanian battalions to be staffed by the Italians have been disbanded, as the Italians are no longer able to rely on their obedience.

The Albanians, it is said, are becoming more openly hostile.

NAZI OPPRESSION IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—News has been received in London from reliable sources to the effect that a well-known Belgian industrialist from Ghent has been shot by the Germans for aiding British fugitives, says Reuters' diplomatic correspondent.

Two of his friends were sentenced to deportation in Germany. Another victim of German oppression in Belgium is a lady, well known in Brussels society, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for pro-British activities.

\$7,553,776 DEFICIT IS REVEALED IN RECORD COLONY BUDGET: ESTATE DUTY TO BE INCREASED: TABLE WATERS TAX

Proposed Reconstitution Of War Revenue Committee

Introducing a record budget for 1941-42 in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the FINANCIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. H. R. BUTTERS) announced that the estimates amounted in all to \$62,389,776 inclusive of \$12,300,274 specially classed as war expenditure.

"THE ESTIMATED REVENUE IS \$54,836,000, \$45,536,000 FROM ORDINARY SOURCES, AND \$9,300,000 FROM WAR TAXATION, LEAVING A DEFICIT OF \$7,553,776," said Mr. Butters.

The deficit would be reduced by \$3,500,000 by increased duties on heavy oils and liquors, increased entertainment tax, Estate Duty and a new tax on table waters, including Sarsaparilla and Lemonade.

"It appears to me that there remains one way only to meet the remaining deficit which represents roughly the excess of war expenditure over war revenue and that is by increasing the war taxation," said Mr. Butters.

The Financial Secretary announced that it was proposed to re-constitute the War Revenue Committee and to refer the matter of revised war taxation to them for re-examination and advice.

The Financial Secretary said—

I rise to move the resolution standing in my name.

A detailed exposition of the financial position 1939, 1940-41 and the estimates for 1941-42 is contained in the memorandum already in the hands of Honourable Members.

Let me first summarise that financial position. We closed the year 1939 and entered the year 1940 with a general reserve balance of \$17,091,170, a handsome sum, but largely a nominal one. Most of the money had already been expended as advances in anticipation of loans. It was to improve the liquid position that Government in June last float the second tranche of the 1934 Dollar Loan of which Government itself took up \$5,790,000 and obtained cash to the extent of \$5,640,000. That reserve of \$17,000,000, it is hoped, will not be appreciably diminished at the end of the current 15 months; in fact the memorandum, perhaps, a little optimistically, anticipates a small increase.

But it must be remembered that of the 17 million dollars with which we hope to commence the next financial year the \$5,790,000 already referred to has only a paper existence and represents an accounting expedient to meet past expenditure from future revenue, while by the end of next year a total of over four million dollars will have advanced in anticipation of a future loan. The real reserve is, therefore, considerably short of the desiderated 10 million dollars, which sum is based on past figures of revenue and expenditure and is inadequate in present circumstances, being less than two months contemplated expenditure for next year.

I have dealt with this matter of reserves at the outset to anticipate, and I hope prevent, any suggestion that we have an adequate hump on which we can draw if necessary to meet any deficit in respect of next year. We have in fact a nominal reserve of 17 million dollars, a real reserve of about 7 million and a public debt of 27 million.

WAR EXPENDITURE

I will now refer to the current 15 months and I do not propose to quote detailed figures, all of which are set out in the memorandum. Suffice it to say that the estimate of ordinary revenue approximated to that of ordinary expenditure, while the proposed separate war budget gave place to a new head entitled War Expenditure. I shall deal with War Revenue and expenditure first.

With the assistance of this increased taxation it is hoped that ordinary revenue, which has come in well all the year, will be sufficient not only to meet increased ordinary expenditure but also the war expenditure not covered by existing war taxation. I should like to remark in passing that it is difficult strictly to demarcate ordinary and war expenditure and that many items of expenditure in the printed estimates of this year and the draft estimates for next year are either due to or increased by the war.

I now come to the resolution before Council "that the draft estimates of expenditure for 1941-42 be approved." These estimates amount in all to \$62,389,776 inclusive of \$12,300,274 specifically classed as war expenditure. The estimated revenue is \$54,836,000, \$45,536,000 from ordinary sources,

POSSESSION OF FORGED YUAN NOTES

Without retiring a jury, comprising Messrs. G. B. Wittichell (Foreman), Pang Chiu-chun, F. H. J. A. Lafleur, Frau van Trong, G. Piry, A. R. Tavares and L. W. Pavri, returned a unanimous verdict of Guilty against Chan Hung who was arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on a charge of possession of forged 10-yuan notes of the Bank of Communications, knowing same to be forged. Fifteen months' hard labour was imposed.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan, prosecuted.

Mr. Reynolds said that accused was accosted by District Watchman Lee Kwai in Hillier Street and the notes were found in a box.

Accused, in a statement from the dock, said that he had pleaded guilty all along, and would only ask his Lordship to deal with him leniently. His friend, went on accused, gave him the box which, the friend said, contained shoes.

BOUND OVER

Found guilty on a charge of uttering a forged banknote at the last Sessions, Leung Yin, woman, and Mak Kun-sing, were bound over by the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Leung and Mak, together with another woman, Kwok Fong, who was sentenced last Sessions, were charged with uttering a forged \$100 of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australia, at the Milton Institute, on Nov. 25.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, appeared for the accused.

and \$9,300,000 from war taxation, leaving a deficit of \$7,553,776.

LIGHTHOUSE TENDER

There is one item in the draft estimates, namely a lighthouse tender for the Harbour Department, estimated to cost \$600,000, the building of which would in any case be conditional on happier times and the cessation of other expenditure. Omitting this item, therefore, from the estimates we are faced with a deficit of roughly seven million dollars.

There have been two major considerations in framing the estimates, first defence, secondly social services. Defence is submitted must in present circumstances come first, but it is also submitted that in the present financial position of this Colony social must not be allowed to lag behind, nor even to stand still, but should advance so far as circumstances permit.

The major items in the defence budget for next year are 4 million dollars for the completion of the programme for the construction of tunnels, concrete pens, etc., for the protection of the civil population against air attack and \$5,220,000 for the construction of vessels to be presented to the Admiralty and War Department, in respect of which no expenditure has been incurred during the present year.

No specific provision has been made for cash gifts to H. M. Government as these will depend on the financial position during the course of the year, but I venture to submit that in meeting from its own resources the relatively large local defence programme undertaken under Your Excellency's direction this Colony has made a definite contribution to the defence of the Empire.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Regarding social services it is my firm belief that economic development must precede and be the basis of social welfare and these draft estimates include provision for a Fisheries Research Station, and an Experimental Agricultural Station in the New Territories.

Provision for the building of the Fisheries Research Station was included in the printed estimates for the current year when it was anticipated that the cost would be met by a grant from the Colonial Development Fund. During the year a nucleus staff has been engaged with the approval of this

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HOLIDAYS BILL PASSED

A Bill to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, was read a second and third time and passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

A Bill to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919 (the object of which is to put an end to a ticket-selling racket) and a Bill to amend the Entertainment Tax Ordinance, 1930, were read a first time.

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Maj.-Gen. A. E. Graff), Hon. the Colonial Secretary (Mr. N. L. Smith), Hon. the Attorney General (Mr. C. G. Alabaster), Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. R. A. C. North), Hon. the Financial Secretary (Mr. H. R. Butters), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, jun., Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ANOTHER TITLE FOR HARVEY

Cpl. J. H. Harvey, of the R. A. M. C., competed his double last evening when he beat S. Q. M. S. Wood by 500 to 378 points in the Garrison Individual Billiards

championship at the Soldiers Club.

Notable breaks were: Harvey: 21, 24, 31, 24 and Wood: 22, 23, 21, 21.

B.F.R.D.C. Receipts And Payments From July To Dec., 1940

The summary of receipts and payment of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China (Hongkong and South China branch) from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1940, is as follows:—

RECEIPTS

To balance brought forward being cash at bank at June 30, 1940, as per last account, \$72,516 54; To subscriptions and donations from July 1, 1940, to Dec. 31, 1940, in accordance with certificate of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$36,169 46; To Bank interest, \$236 50; Total \$108,722 50.

PAYMENTS

By Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China:—
For hospital at Lu-chow, \$3,500; On behalf of the Canton International Red Cross Service Corps (Maintenance of Corps, July-Dec. 1940), \$10,000; For Canton Y.W.C.A. for relief in Chungshan district (Aug., Sept. and Oct., 1940), \$2,100; Medical relief centres in North Kwangtung and Kiangsi; and three training centres for refugees and the dependents of soldiers' families in Kwangsi, \$20,000; For medical training school and orthopaedic centre at Yiyang and Red Cross relief work in 1941, \$10,000; For drugs for the Swabue-Hofung districts, \$500; For Canton Y.W.C.A. for relief in Chungshan district, in Nanchang, Tsui Hang and Macao (Nov. and Dec. 1940, and Jan., 1941) \$2,100.

By Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council: Food kitchens, \$5,000.
By Hok Shan Traders' Association:—For medical relief in Hok Shan district, Kwangtung province, \$1,000.
By Rev. H. A. Wittenbach:—For relief in Chungshan district (July-Dec., 1940), \$6,000.
By stationery and cheque book, \$18 50.

By balance being cash at bank at Dec. 31, 1940, as per bank recd., 1940, and Jan., 1941, \$2,100.

AUDITORS THANKED

The Board of Administrators of the Fund express its appreciation and gratitude to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming for having undertaken the audit of the accounts of the Fund free of charge.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES AT HOME

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, Jan. 18:—

LONDON CUP SECTION A
Aldershot v. Queen's P.R.
Brentford v. Chelsea
Fulham v. Crystal Pal.

SECTION B
Arsenal v. West Ham
Millwall v. Tottenham
Reading v. Clapton C.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v. Watford
Brighton v. Southampton
Southend v. Portsmouth

MIDLAND CUP
Lincoln v. Nottingham
Notts County v. West Brom.
WEST RIDING CUP (1ST ROUND)
Halifax v. Huddersfield

WEST RIDING CUP (SEMI-FINAL)
Middlesbrough v. Bradford
LANCASHIRE CUP
Bolton v. Manchester U.
Chester v. New Brighton
Everton v. Burnley
Manchester C. v. Blackpool.

SHEFFIELD CUP (SEMI-FINAL)
Doncaster v. Sheffield U.

NORTH REGIONAL
Bradford C. v. Barnsley
Grimsby v. Sheffield W.
Hull v. Leeds
Newcastle v. York
Oldham v. Liverpool
Southport v. Rochdale

SOUTH REGIONAL
Cardiff v. Bristol
Leicester v. Mansfield
Northampton v. Luton

REGIONAL MATCH
Stoke v. Preston

OTHER MATCHES
All Bristol XI v. Football League XI.

championship at the Soldiers Club.

Notable breaks were: Harvey: 21, 24, 31, 24 and Wood: 22, 23, 21, 21.

BUSY YEAR FOR FIRE BRIGADE

The formation of the Auxiliary Fire Service in July 1939 in one of the principal activities mentioned in the annual report of the Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, tabled in Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

It was decided to recruit a total of 300 members instead of the 100 members approved in the Estimates, in view of the political situation, and Mr. D. H. Blake was appointed Superintendent.

232 CALLS

The number of calls received by the Brigade during 1939 totalled 232. There were 198 actual fires, 58 chimney fires, eight collapses, two landslides and 26 false alarms. There was an increase of 47 calls over 1938. Of the false alarms, the report states that three were maliciously given, seven were given with good intent and 16 were due to electrical faults in the street fire alarm system.

The 12 motor ambulances maintained by the Brigade attended altogether 11,592 cases during the year.

Hongkong Nurse For Perak Maternity Hospital

The nursing staff of the Perak Chinese Hospital in Ipoh will reach its full complement with the arrival, shortly, of a staff nurse from Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, making in all three staff nurses and one matron.

Since the removal of the hospital to its present spacious quarters in Kampar Road, the hospital has been undergoing certain innovations. The first of these was the appointment of an advisory committee, composed almost entirely of private practitioners, in this town.

The advisory committee has made certain recommendations which are being carried out, one of them being the employment of fully trained staff nurses, in addition to the probationary midwives, who number about 15.

There is, at present, a matron who was a staff nurse in the Perak Medical Department. She is assisted by two other staff nurses,

one from the Perak Medical Department and the other from St. Andrew's Hospital, Singapore.

The third staff nurse, from Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, is expected to arrive shortly.

The recommendation by the advisory committee for a resident doctor, a fresh graduate from Singapore on a temporary basis, has not been possible to be put into effect.

Since the opening of the new building, the Hospital has had its annual Government grant of \$1,500 increased to \$3,500, mainly through the good offices of the former Protector of Chinese, Perak, Capt. C. H. Bakers.



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Sykes Pleads Wife And Children Starving

"I am telling the truth. I will be frank with you, your Worship. If I had meant to cheat, I would not have just cheated \$30. I would have cheated a large sum to give to my wife and children. They are starving."

These words formed part of the plea by Elias Duncan Sykes when he appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of obtaining money by a forged document.

Defendant was alleged to have received \$30 from P. A. Krishna in the office of the Orient Co., Kaya-mally Building, on Dec. 5 by virtue of a letter containing certain words purporting to have been written by Mr. M. G. Gill, naval store officer, asking for the payment of \$30 for contract forms, knowing same to be forged.

PROSPECTIVE ORDER
It was stated that defendant went to complainant's office to make enquiries regarding a prospective order from the naval store for 3,000 tons of coal and 4,000 tons of coke.

Accused returned to complainant with a letter, which had previously been written, with the following words added: "Write another letter and be definite about shipment. Enclose \$30 in cash for forms. Must have letter at the latest by this evening, Marshall."

Mr. Gill, in Court, said that he saw the document for the first time when complainant showed it to him.

In the witness box, defendant said that the signature "Marshall" was not intended for as signed by Mr. Gill. He denied having received \$30 from complainant.

Hearing was adjourned to today at noon.

Det.-Sub-Insp. J. O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE

At the Legislative Council meeting yesterday the Colonial Secretary announced the appointment of the Standing Law Committee for 1941 as follows:—

The Attorney General (Chairman), the Financial Secretary, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, jun.

TAMAR WIN

In a friendly cricket match between Tamar C.C. and Royal Engineers, at Sookunpoo on Wednesday, the former won by four wickets.

R.E. 65 (Sgt. Shipp 22; West 5 for 11; Brown 4 for 14; Tamar C.C.—136 (West 38, Horgan 35, Tropp 4 for 36).

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
HOCKEY.—Army Trial (Sookunpoo), 3.15 p.m.
SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming.

TOMORROW
CRICKET.—"A" Division: University v. Recreation; Craighower v. Indian R.C. "B" Division: Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C.; Kowloon C. C. v. Craighower; Recreation v. University.

FOOTBALL.—Junior Shield, First Round, Service Corps v. Mid-dlesex (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.; Engineers v. Kowloon (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.

First Division: Middlesex v. Kowloon (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.; Police v. Club (Boundary Street), 4 p.m.; Eastern v. South China (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.

Second Division: Navy v. Club (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.; Ordnance v. 30th R.A. (Military), 2.30 p.m.; Third Division: Service Corps v. 36th R.A. (St. Joseph's), 4 p.m.; 35th R.A. v. Shell (Military), 4 p.m.; Engineers v. Air Force (Chatham Road), 2.30 p.m.; Signals v. 12th R.A. (Chatham Road), 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
FOOTBALL.—Junior Shield, First Round, Royal Scots v. Chinese A.S.C. (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.

First Division: Kwong Wah v. Navy (Boundary Street), 4 p.m.; Royal Scots v. Sing Tao (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.; Second Division: South China v. Police (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.; Engineers v. Sing Tao (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.; Third Division: Medicals v. A.S.A. (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.; 24th R.A. v. 20th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.; 7th R.A. v. International (Chatham Road), 4 p.m.

RACING.—Macao Jockey Club's January Race Meeting

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COMING EVENTS

JAN.
17—Tides: High 12.37 p.m. and 11.56 p.m. Low 6.11 a.m. and 5.28 p.m. Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 6.01 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Farewell Reception to Miss S. P. Sutton, 157, The Peak, 4.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Mixed Swimming: Badminton. Cheero Club: Darts and Table-Tennis. Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen: Seafarers' Dance, 9 p.m. Charity Performance at French Convent, Causeway Bay, 5.30 p.m. Crown Land Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m. Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid Lecture, Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m. 18—Tides: High 1.24 p.m. Low 6.48 a.m. and 6.21 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.02 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor to Broadcast on Colonial Centenary, 8.03 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club, Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m. H.K. War Effort Committee, Flag Day. Octave for Reunion of the Churches. 19—Tides: High 12.49 a.m. and 2.12 p.m. Low 7.27 a.m. and 7.23 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.03 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m. Film Evening. Macao Jockey Club, January Meeting. Golf: Junior Championship—First Round. 20—Tides: High 1.54 a.m. and 3.03 p.m. Low 8.11 a.m. and 8.11 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.03 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Crown Land Sale, F.W.D., 3 p.m. Sailing Club, Vernacular School for Boys, Prize Day, 11 a.m. 21—Tides: High 3.22 a.m. and 4.09 p.m. Low 8.56 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.04 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m. Entries close for Fanning Hunt and Race Club's February Meeting, 12 noon. 22—Tides: High 4.58 a.m. and 5.10 p.m. Low 9.56 a.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.05 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Benefit Performance at King's Theatre in aid of Kungming Mission Hospital, 9.30 p.m. 23—Tides: High 6.40 a.m. and 6.12 p.m. Low 12.37 a.m. and 11.02 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.05 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m. 24—Tides: High 8.04 a.m. and 7.07 p.m. Low 1.37 a.m. and 12.07 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.06 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. Asia Lands, Ltd., annual meeting, Mercantile Bank Bldg., 2nd floor, Club, 8.15 p.m. Old Cheltonian annual dinner, H.K. Queen's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m. 25—Tides: High 9.06 a.m. and 7.53 p.m. Low 2.24 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.07 p.m. Queen's College Prize Day, 11 a.m. 26—Tides: High 9.49 a.m. and 8.45 p.m. Low 3.04 a.m. and 1.47 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.08 p.m. Claims against estate of Charlotte Elizabeth Hastings due. Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m. 27—Tides: High 10.27 a.m. and 9.27 p.m. Low 3.39 a.m. and 2.38 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.09 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. H.K. Committee for Student Relief Charity Bazaar, St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill. 28—Tides: High 11.03 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.13 a.m. and 3.17 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.09 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m. 29—Tides: High 11.34 a.m. and 10.42 p.m. Low 4.47 a.m. and 3.57 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.10 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. H.K. Committee for Student Relief Charity Bazaar, St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill.

SAINT TAKES OVER

With a thrilling story of mystery and adventure as its basis, RKO Radio's "The Saint Takes Over" reveals itself as the best of the filmic exploits of the noted Leslie Charteris character, at the Majestic Theatre yesterday. As in previous offering, George Sanders plays the suave and debonaire "Saint" whose activities baffle both the police and the leading crooks of two continents, while Jonathan Hale again portrays Inspector Fernack of the New York Police Department, and Wendy Barrie a mystery girl. The plot of the new film, which marks the fifth time The Saint has come to the screen, deals with an ingenious "frame-up" contrived to discredit Fernack and end his embarrassing investigation of a criminal ring.

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12.30 The B.D.C. Dance Orchestra. Quicksteps — I'm Feeling Happy; Many Happy Returns of the Day (both from 'Music Hath Charms'). Fox-Trot — Big Ship; Waltz — In My Heart of Hearts (both from 'Music Hath Charms'). Fox-Trots — Moon Over Miami; Swing (from 'Public Nuisance No. 1'). Tango — Marlou; Waltz — Give Me Your Hand. Fox-Trot — Jack-in-the box.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone to Hilo (arr. Terry) The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott); The Boatmen (Harris).

1.13 The Boston Promenade Orchestra.

March—Entry of the Boyards (Halvorsen). Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff); Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff). Sonz of India (from Sadko—Rimsky-Korsakov); Intermezzo (from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'—Mascagni).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Debussy. Arabesque No. 1 in E; Arabesque No. 2 in G—Marguerite Long (Piano). Petite Suite; En Bateau—Cortège—Menuet—Ballet—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola. Reverie—Walter Gieseking (Piano). Menuet—Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano accomp.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Hill Billies (Vocal) and the London Piano-Accordion Band. The Little Mountain Cabin (Kennedy and Carr)—The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp. The Cubaleiro (Cuban Rhythm Dance—Siras & Others); Campus Moon (Coots & Others) — London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Good-Night (Conrad & Others); When the Harvest Moon Is Shining (Stevens) — The Hill Billies with Novelty accomp. There'll Never Be Another You (Woods) — London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Jump On The Wagon—The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp. Log

Cabin Lullaby (Byrne-Schuster); The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon and Towers) — London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Questions of the Hour'.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Quicksteps — I'm Liza Jane; Little Spanish Shawl. Rumba — The Lady Likes to Love; Ragtime — No Name Rag. Slow Fox-Trot — Got A New Pair of Shoes (film 'Thoroughbreds don't cry'); Quickstep—Swing Is Here to Stay (film 'All Baba goes to Town'). Fox-Trot — Pop Corn Man; Quickstep—Home Again Blues. Waltz — Ain't Cha Comin' Out?

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Concerto in E Minor (Gurewch)—1st Mov: Maestoso; 2nd Mov: Andante Sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Presto. 2. "Hona" Hungarian Czardas (Gurewch).

8.23 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

One Alone (from 'The Desert Song'—Romberg); When You're Away (The Only Girl)—Herbert).

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland."

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

9.45 Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Turiddu, a young soldier — Giovanni Breviario (Tenor); Santuzza, a village girl—Della Sanzio (Soprano); Lucia, mother of Turiddu — Olga De Franco (Contralto); Alfio, a teamster—Piero Blasini (Baritone); Lola, wife of Alfio—M. Pantaleoni (Mezzo-Sop.) with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

11.00 Close down.

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Transmission V—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
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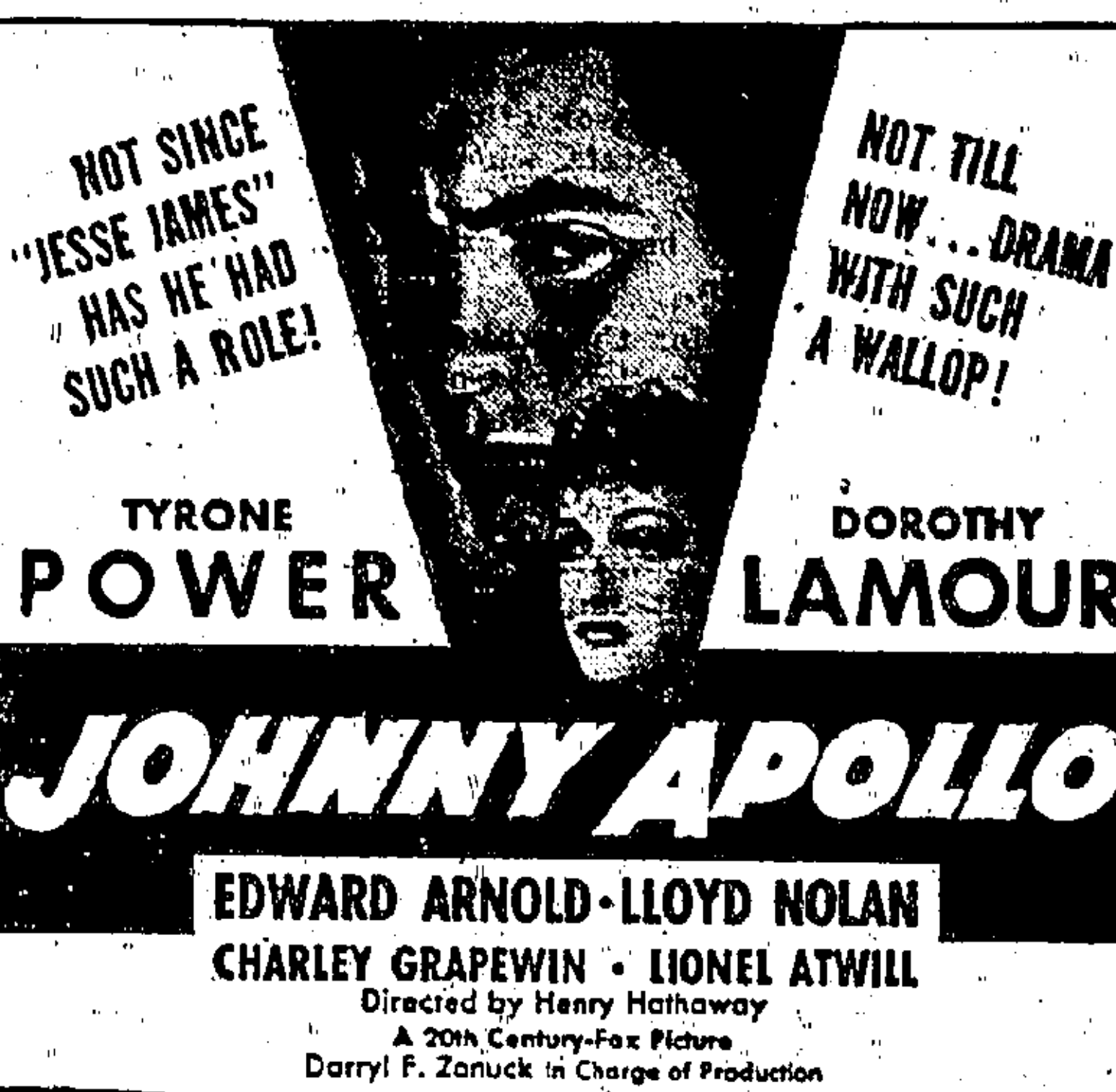
Two tuneful new song hits were written for Dorothy Lamour to sing in her role of night club entertainer in "Johnny Apollo," the 20th Century-Fox drama which co-stars her with Tyrone Power and showing today at the King's Theatre.

One of these, "Dancing for Nickels and Dimes," Dorothy sings in a colorful night club revue number, in which she wears a tattered street gamins' costume, which for sheer allure tops even the sarong she made famous.

The second number, "This is the Beginning of the End," was written by the famous Mack Gordon. "Johnny Apollo" features Edward Arnold, Nolan, Charley Grapewin and Lionel Atwill.

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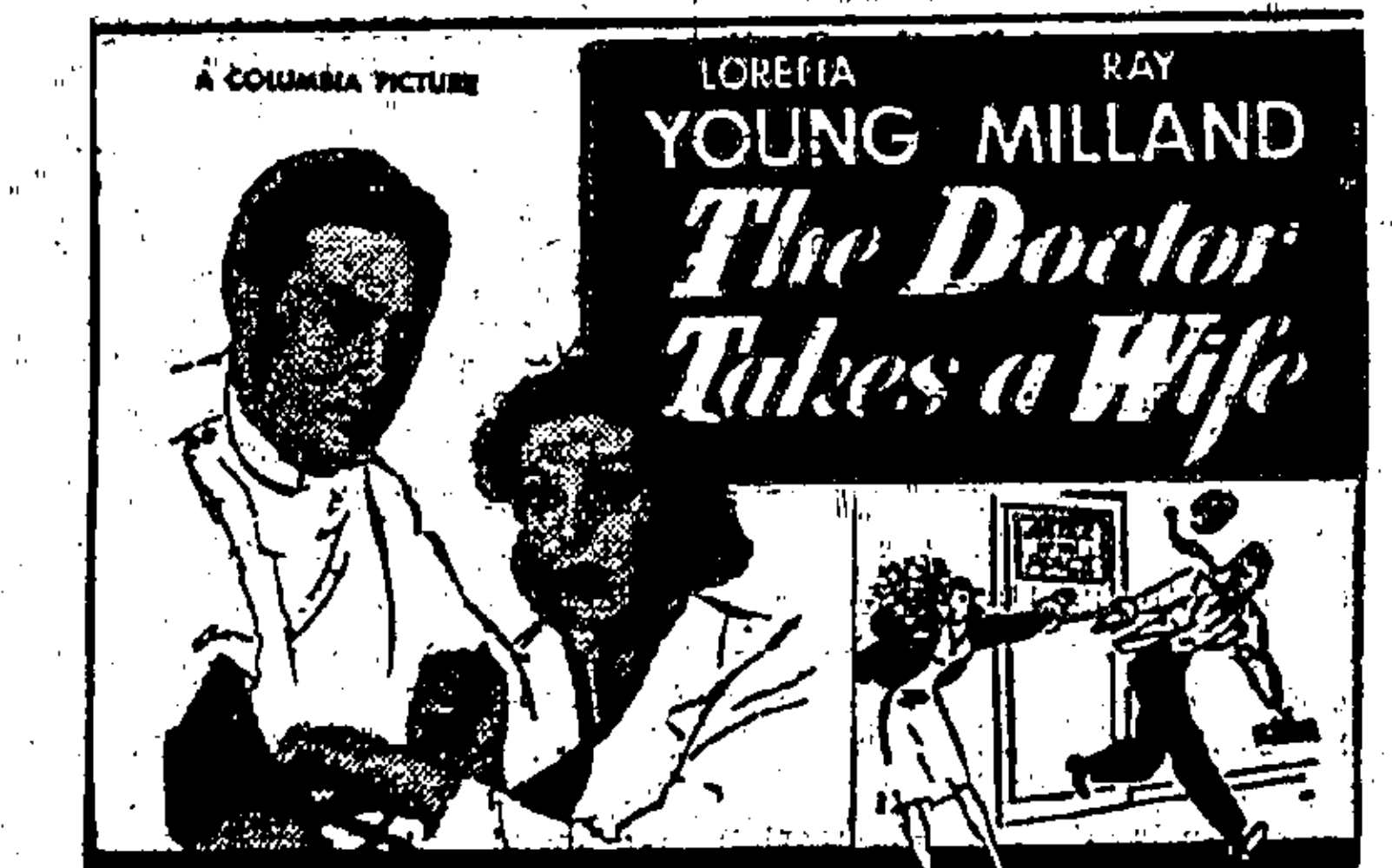
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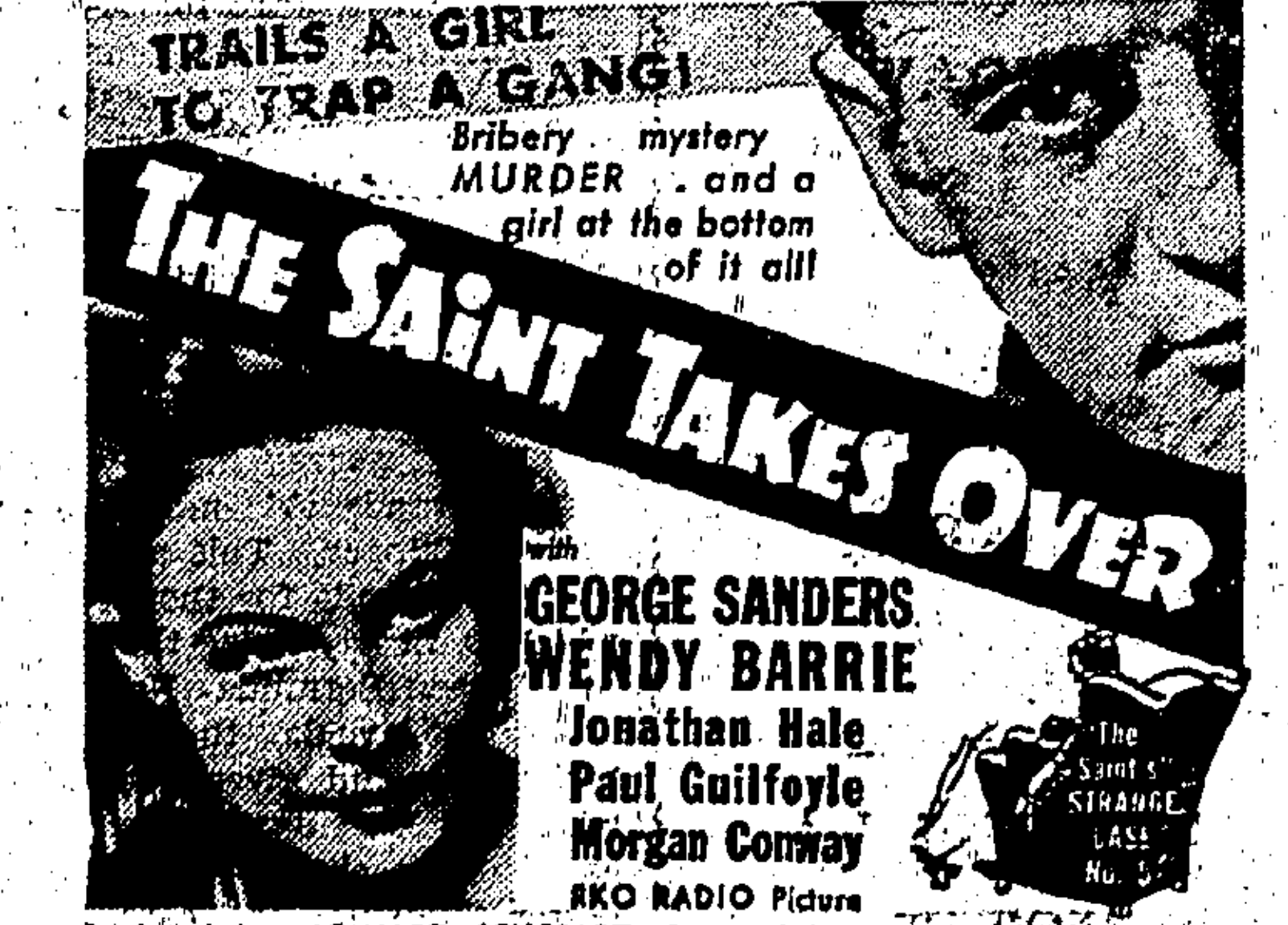
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MR. CORDELL HULL AND PACIFIC "NEW ORDER"

LEASE AND LEND BILL BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—"The proposed so-called new order in the Pacific means domination by one country to the exclusion of the interests of other nations," declared Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, who was the first witness to testify before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives when it began its examination of the Lease and Lend Bill to aid Britain.

Such a programme for the subjugation and exploitation of so many people by one nation was of great concern to the entire world, Mr. Hull continued. Nevertheless, the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interest would be in friendly relations with the United States.

Mr. Hull declared also: "Control of the high seas by law-abiding nations is the key to the security of the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Hull described the Bill, as one which would enable the United States to allocate its resources "in ways best calculated to provide for the security of this nation and this continent."

"It will do all these things in the speediest possible manner," he added. "And overwhelming speed is our greatest need today."

SURVEY OF SITUATION
In a comprehensive survey of the international situation, Mr. Hull declared that Germany, Japan and Italy had made abundantly clear their determination "to repudiate and destroy the very foundations of civilised world order under law and to enter upon the road of armed conquest, of subjugation of other nations and tyrannical rule over their victims."

Emphasising the importance of control of the high seas, Mr. Hull said that should the members of the tripartite pact gain that control, "the danger to our country, great as it is today, would be multiplied manifold."

"Were Britain defeated, were she to lose the command of the seas, Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, especially the South Atlantic unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now. Were the Atlantic to fall under German control, that ocean would offer little or no assurance of security."

MAXIMUM AID URGED
Mr. Hull urged the importance of giving the maximum material assistance to Britain and other countries fighting the Axis.

Replying to questions such as whether repairing belligerent vessels in United States ports would be a violation of international law, Mr. Hull said, "The question is whether in the face of the universally recognised movement to invade and conquer, peaceful nations shall wait until the invader crosses their boundary lines or whether they shall recognise that this is a world movement of conquest and invoke the law of self-defence before it is too late."

In his testimony, Mr. Hull made one of the strongest condemnations of Japanese expansionist policy yet uttered by the Administration.

BRITISH PURCHASES
Britain will need £755,000,000 to

pay for purchases in the United States from Jan. 1, 1941, to Jan. 1, 1942.

This statement was made to the House Foreign Affairs Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, who added that of this amount £366,000,000 would be in excess of British funds available for buying in the United States.

Mr. Morgenthau was testifying in support of President Roosevelt's lease and lend bill. He presented a memorandum showing that Britain's total dollar exchange assets in the United States were £443,000,000.

LIQUID ASSETS
Mr. Morgenthau stated that £218,000,000 worth of Britain's dollar exchange assets were listed as liquid and repaid in the affirmative to a question whether the figures he had given related only to actual orders.

He added: "This financial picture means that the British can pay cash for what they have already bought but when it comes to finding dollars for anything like what they need, they just have not got it."

CZECH SPIRIT UNBROKEN

NAZIS THREATEN DIRE REPRISALS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Failure of the Nazis to win over the Czechs is revealed by a report from well-informed Czech quarters that Baron von Neurath, the Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, summoned important German officers and civil servants to his residence at Prague on Boxing Day and told them that he was profoundly dissatisfied with the Czechs.

He is reported to have said that it was impossible to trust a single Czech. He attacked particularly the autonomous government for "playing the Benes game."

Baron von Neurath reportedly added that efforts to win the collaboration of the Czechs could not be continued indefinitely. There would be repression in the new year of all unreliable people regardless of social and official position. He would not hesitate to establish a military dictatorship if necessary.

"The spirit of resistance must now be broken," he said.

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

TO OPERATE NEW ATLANTIC ROUTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Pan American Airways are preparing to open a new west-bound trans-Atlantic route from Lisbon to New York via Portuguese Guinea, and Trinidad immediately after the United States' civil aeronautics authority grants Pan American's application to use that route.

The first survey flight will possibly be made this month by the Yankee Clipper. This aircraft was specially rebuilt for the new route which is nearly twice the distance of Lisbon-Bermuda-New York direct but avoids the prevailing headwinds and gives pilots better winter-time flying weather as well as enabling clippers to maintain better schedules and carry bigger loads.

Two other clippers are being overhauled and will be used to maintain two weekly winter-time trips.

BELGRADE, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—It is reported from Bucharest that General Antonescu has been urgently summoned by Berlin and has left by train yesterday.

MUSSOLINI A FOUR-FLUSHER?

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—"It is only natural to wonder whether Hitler Mussolini, despite his rather distinguished career, is not something of a four-flusher himself—like Louis Napoleon, all gold braid, cockfeathers and horse-fashions," writes today the famous American publisher, William Randolph Hearst, in his newspapers.

"That chest seems just made for medals, and that chin."

"Well, we all know what happens when a man continually leads with his chin."

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"You got to have something other than hot air to be a real leader."

NO GROUND FOR PROTEST

Mendoza Intercepted Outside 3-Mile Limit

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—"No ground exists for a protest from Uruguay over the interception of the French steamer, Mendoza," declared a Ministry of Economic Warfare spokesman yesterday.

The Mendoza was intercepted outside the international three-mile limit by a British auxiliary cruiser, but the ship is reported to have drifted across it and returned to Montevideo.

It was disclosed that the Mendoza is one of five French ships which have been loading in River Plate ports, the other ships being the Katiola, Formosa, Campala and Aurigny. No navicerts have been applied for and it is learned that there is no question of the British blockade being lifted in their favour should they decide to sail.

It was emphasised that all ships bound for Europe which are not provided with navicerts are liable to interception and detention.

The British authorities have no information as regards the Mendoza's cargo but it is believed that the cargo comprises meat and wool.

Italians' Wholesome Respect For Imp. Troops

BOMBAY, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Sir Sikandar, who is visiting Delhi, gave the Army Headquarters his impressions of the Imperial and Indian troops now fighting in Africa.

In a broadcast statement he said: "Despite inferior numbers we are on top both in the Western Desert and Sudan."

He revealed that Indian casualties were only 23 killed and 78 wounded.

He declared he was deeply impressed by the Indian troops during his visits in Egypt and Sudan, especially by their extreme physical fitness, cheerfulness and the evidence of wholesome fear the fighting qualities of the Imperial troops had induced in the enemy.

UNITED STATES NAVY TO BE STRENGTHENED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The United States Navy has asked Congress for authority to build 400 small vessels, including submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo boats.

Rear Admiral Samuel Robinson told the House Naval Committee yesterday that 280 of the vessels were "urgently needed" and that Congress will be asked immediately for \$310,000,000 for their construction.

A.A. DEFENCES
The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives have unanimously recommended legislation to authorise strengthening of the anti-aircraft defences of the United States Fleet at a cost of \$300,000,000.

This would include installation aboard the larger warships of a new type of five-inch pom-pom gun to combat dive-bombers.

Abyssinian Tribes Uniting Under Standard Of Negus

KHARTOUM, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The revolt that has smouldered in Abyssinia ever since the Italian conquest five years ago is bursting into flames. Encouraged by the news that Emperor Haile Selassie is only a few miles away across the frontier, patriotic warriors are rallying to his standard in all parts of the country.

Small independent bands which have hitherto harried Italy's isolated garrisons, are beginning to unite against the common enemy. They are being supplied with arms and equipment for which grateful messages have been received.

News reaching Khartoum suggests that the movement has been greatly stimulated by the Emperor's recent proclamation announcing his determination to lead his army in person.

Leaflets containing the proclamation are being scattered wholesale by the R.A.F.

Resistance so far has centred in the Gojjam district near Lake Tana in north-west Abyssinia, where the Italians have long been restricted to fortified positions.

Now the Gallas of the south have asked the Gojjam leader to send an envoy to organise resistance to the Italians in their district. Several chiefs in the sector east of Lake Tana (which is some 200 miles north-west of Addis Ababa) are also reported to be up in arms against the Italians. Even the negro element, ruled by descendants of former kings, are fighting for the Emperor.

The revolt is being greatly assisted by the failure of the Italians in the face of sporadic resistance of the inhabitants to establish their authority outside the main centres. In large tracts of the country, administration has had to be left to the Abyssinians.

SERIOUS PLIGHT OF ITALIANS

BRITAIN TO CLEAN UP AFRICAN WAR

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The serious plight of Italian troops in Africa is the subject of a long article in Trud, organ of the Soviet Trade Union.

"On the basis of British figures," the newspaper estimates that the British army in Libya has a superiority of almost two to one over the Italians.

"Judging by developments," it adds, "the British, with 100,000 men in the Sudan and a similar number in Kenya, intend to expand their activities in East Africa. These developments are of great importance in the African theatre of war and show the desire of the British to clean up the war in Africa in order to concentrate all efforts in the decisive European theatre."

New Naval Promotions

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, has been promoted from Vice Admiral (Acting Admiral) to the rank of Admiral, dating from Jan. 3.

Under him, the fleet has played a brilliant part in helping to rout the Italians along the North African coast and in various highly successful naval engagements in the Mediterranean.

Vice-Admiral Sir Max Horton is also promoted Admiral. He was a submarine hero of the last war and as commander of a submarine he sank a cruiser, three destroyers and two transports. His promotion dates from Jan. 9.

French Empire And Gen. De Gaulle

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—But for pressure exerted by the Vichy Government, the whole French Empire, in addition to the colonies, would have flocked to the banner of General de Gaulle, declared Professor Rene Cassin, former President of the French Ex-Service Men's Association, speaking in London yesterday.

Professor Cassin made this declaration in reply to the assertion of Admiral Platon, Vichy's Colonial Secretary, that Great Britain intended to grasp whatever she could of the French Empire.

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—"Successful patrol activity on all fronts continues" reports a communiqué.

KILLED WIFE BECAUSE OF THE BLEAK FUTURE

PROFESSOR FACES MURDER CHARGE

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Professor Lloyd James was remanded a week in custody at the Hampstead Court yesterday when he was charged with the murder of his wife, a former noted violinist, who was found dead with wounds in her bedroom in their home on Tuesday.

The Police stated that the body was found and James was later arrested and charged with the murder. When cautioned, James said: "We were so happy I wanted her to die while she likes that."

Two scratches were found on James' left cheek and his shirt-cuff was blood-stained. The Police seized a large fork, hammer and poker.

FAILING POWERS

James told the Police: "I thought my powers were failing and could not cope with my work. Rather than expect her to face the bleak future I decided she should die and not be asked to face it. I thought I would also kill myself."

Later, he said: "My brain will not function in court." James further said he did not think he had said that he would take his own life.

He appeared dazed in Court.

As part of a new Scotland Yard plan to stop looting specially selected men of the uniformed branch of the Metropolitan Police are to be temporarily attached for plain clothes duty with the C.I.L. Squads of plain clothes officers in wireless cars will be stationed at vantage points throughout London. They will be hurried to damaged property within a few minutes of the bomb falling.

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COLONY BUDGET DEFICIT

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Council and it is now proposed to erect the building itself next year from Colonial funds. These schemes should not only improve the nutrition of the population of Hongkong but help to make the Colony more self-supporting in the matter of food supplies.

The draft estimates also include provision for the daily collection of nightsoil from the tenements in the urban area by labour directly employed by the Sanitary Department, in place of the present system under which the nightsoil is removed by freelance coolies employed by the householders. This scheme is sponsored by the Urban Council and strongly recommended by my Honourable friend the Director of Medical Services, who is Government's adviser in health matters.

The Urban Council has suggested, and Government favours the suggestion, that the additional annual expenditure of between four and five lakhs should be met by an increase of one per cent on the rates. The existing unsatisfactory arrangements are estimated to cost householders half-a-million dollars annually, and the proposal will relieve those concerned of that expenditure and spread it over the community generally, which seems only fair in so far as the sewers provided for those whose tenements have flush systems have been paid for likewise from taxation by the community as a whole.

NEW MORTUARY

Provision has also been made for an Infectious Diseases Hospital, and a new Public Mortuary and Disinfecting Station, Kowloon, for a new block for the Central Police Station and new Police Stations at Kowloon Tong and Blue Pool Road.

The introduction of a new subsidy code for vernacular schools is reflected in additional expenditure in the Education Department, and Government has again felt it its duty to increase, this time to \$750,000, the subvention to the Tung Wah Hospitals. Considerable expenditure has been undertaken to provide an adequate cemetery for the Chinese population at Wo Hop Shek near Fanling; and road maintenance and improvement will cost several lakhs.

Provision has also been made under a new head for the recently established Immigration Department, but while it is hoped that the control of immigration will be self-supporting it is not intended that surplus revenue should be derived therefrom. All items of Public Works Extraordinary are explained in the notes by the Honourable Director of Public Works already in the hands of Honourable Members.

I am afraid all of these measures will not find favour with the conservative, who will say cut this or retrench that, but if the Colony is to advance as it should, and it still lags far behind modern standards in many respects, it must have these amenities and, if it must have them it must pay for them. The estimates have already been pruned to what must be considered an excessive degree by idealists who may condemn Government for having failed in the middle of a total war to build Jerusalem with its hospitals and health centres, its colleges and schools, in Hongkong's green and pleasant land.

MIDDLE COURSE

We have tried to steer a middle course and, have followed the golden mean of practicality as against the extremes both of ultra conservatism and radical change.

As I have already stated these draft estimates involve a deficit of seven million dollars. The one per cent increase on the rates already referred to will, if approved, reduce that deficit to roughly \$8,500,000. How is that to be met?

Your Excellency has already signed orders increasing by ten cents per gallon the duty on heavy oils to be used as fuel for heavy oil road vehicles and imposing a duty of ten cents per gallon on other hydrocarbon oils at present untaxed, which are estimated to bring in \$1,000,000 per annum, and an order further increasing the duties on liquor which are estimated to bring in \$850,000 per annum.

It is proposed to increase the Entertainment Tax, to increase Estate Duty and impose a new tax on table waters, and an order to that effect under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance has

also been signed. There is no reason why the consumers of sarsaparilla and lemonade should not in their degree contribute with the brandy and whisky drinkers to the upkeep of the Colony.

The amended Entertainment tax should produce an additional \$300,000 per annum, the table waters tax \$300,000, and the increased Estate Duty \$600,000. Our prospective deficit is, therefore, reduced to roughly 3½ million dollars, though I must emphasise that all these calculations of revenue presuppose a continuation of the prosperity of the Colony.

ONE WAY ONLY

It appears to me that there remains one way only to meet the remaining deficit which represents roughly the excess of war expenditure over war revenue and that is by increasing the war taxation. Although the War Revenue Ordinance has secured considerably more revenue than was anticipated it has failed to secure enough to meet the revised war expenditure either in the current year or in 1941-42.

The simplest way, and I must confess the way which first appealed to me, largely on account of its simplicity, is to increase the standard rates possibly by one half from 10 per cent to 15 per cent, but I am satisfied that this would emphasise to an intolerable degree the inequities and imperfections of the present compromise taxes. I have already stated that it was estimated that the four taxes would bring in six million dollars per annum.

The revised estimate is \$9,700,000. But how is that composed?

Salaries Tax is estimated to bring in \$1,000,000 as was anticipated, Property Tax \$2,300,000 against \$2,000,000 while Corporation and Business Profits should bring in \$6,400,000 against \$3,000,000, but this figure includes not less than \$5,500,000 in respect of Corporation Profits and only \$900,000 in respect of Business Profits, which is disappointingly small when it is remembered that businesses include all non-incorporated firms, and also professional men who do not pay Salaries Tax.

We seem to be faced with three alternatives, first to perpetuate and increase the existing inequity by increasing without other modification the existing rates, second to amend radically the present Ordinance with a view to spreading its incidence more fairly over the community, third without increasing drastically the present standard rates to revert to proper Income Tax which was the original proposal of this Government in 1939, and which Government has always considered to be the fairest form of taxation.

In this connexion I venture to quote my own words in introducing the War Revenue Bill in this Council in March of last year:

GOVERNMENT MEASURE

"The Government has accepted the recommendations of the War Revenue Committee and the bill which I am asking to have read today for the first time is a Government measure. It is, however, just and proper that I should state at this juncture that in the Government's view the taxation scheme framed in the bill will not be as equitable or as efficient a means of raising revenue as would be Income Tax measure on the lines which you, and your advisers had in contemplation a few months ago."

It may seem anomalous that an Administration, with a competent majority on the Legislature, should deliberately promote one measure believing another to be its superior, but the explanation is not far to seek. This bill's principal purpose is to finance a not inconsiderable free gift from public funds to His Majesty's Government, and in such a case it would be improper to force upon the would-be donors by the use of that majority a taxation method, to which the unofficial members of this Council had objected strongly and unanimously."

Far be it from me to seek to "sensitise a controversy that is dead and buried, but Government has a right to invoke the co-operation of all in finding the best means of meeting war expenditure which I am sure, every one will agree is unavoidable.

Circumstances have altered considerably since Government accepted with expressed reluctance the recommendations of the War

INCREASED DUTIES ON LIQUOR, FUEL OILS

New and increased duties on liquor and fuel oil, effective from yesterday, were announced in Government Gazette Extraordinary.

Liqueurs, champagne and other sparkling wines of Empire origin are increased in duty from \$14.25 per gallon to \$18 while similar products of other origin remain unchanged at \$26.

Brandy of Empire origin is increased from \$8.25 to \$16 per gallon and that of other origin from \$20 to \$24.

For the first time duty is imposed upon gin, whisky and other spirituous liquors of Hongkong origin. The duty is fixed at \$16 per gallon. The same duty applies to products of Empire origin which are increased from the former duty of \$12.50. Similar products of other origin are increased from \$20 to \$24.

NEW DUTY ON PORT

New duty on port, sherry and Madeira is \$10 compared with \$7.50 of Empire origin and \$15 compared with \$12 of other origin. Other still wines of Empire origin are advanced from \$6.25 to \$8 and of other origin from \$10 to \$12.

Cider and Perry are increased from 80 cents to \$1 Empire origin and from 80 cents to \$1.50 other origin.

Substantial increase has been made in the duty on concentrated beer. Hongkong origin beer which last year was reduced to 60 cents per gallon has now been advanced to 90 cents, while that of Empire origin beer is increased from 80 cents to \$1.20 and that of other origin from \$1 to \$1.60.

Ten cents increase is made on other beer except cider and Perry not exceeding 1.055 degrees ori-

ginal gravity which is of Hongkong origin and now stands at 80 cents. For Empire origin the duty is \$1.20 and for other origin \$1.60.

CHINESE LIQUOR

Chinese type liquor is also increased. The Hongkong origin is advanced from \$1.50 to \$2. That of Empire origin from \$1.75 to \$2 and that of other origin from \$1.75 to \$3. Saké is increased 50 cents on both Hongkong origin and Empire origin and now stands at \$2 for each. Other origin Saké is increased by \$1.50 to \$3.

Increase are also shown in liquors other than intoxicating liquors but excluding spirits of wine or arrack. Of Hongkong origin the new duty is \$2 compared with \$1.50 and the same applies to Empire origin. The products of other origin are advanced from \$1.50 to \$3. In the case of Spirits of wine or arrack the duties are \$2 for both Hongkong and Empire origin and \$3 for other origin.

Old duties on hydrocarbon oils have been revoked and the following duties per gallon have been substituted: 80 cents on light oils; 40 cents on heavy oils to be used as fuel for any heavy oil road vehicle; and 10 cents on other hydrocarbon oils.

The previous figures were 60 cents on light oils and 30 cents on heavy oils to be used as fuel for heavy oil road vehicle.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Many relatives and friends of the students were present to witness the fifteenth Commencement Exercises of the Shanghai Bethel Bible Seminary held last evening in the Munsang College auditorium, Kowloon City.

A special service will be held in the auditorium at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday when four groups of young evangelists will be commissioned by the Bethel Mission to preach in occupied and free China as well as the war zone.

The Rev. Samuel E. Boyle, of the American Reformed Presbyterian Mission, Takling, Kwangtung, will speak at the special service.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at mid night on Jan. 15:—Diphtheria, five cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, nine cases; Tuberculosis, 16 cases.

Revenue Committee and though Government does not propose to repudiate that acceptance it feels, in view of the change in the financial position and the situation disclosed by the actual receipts from the four war taxes, that the principles on which the taxation is based should be reconsidered.

RE-EXAMINATION

I am accordingly authorised by Your Excellency to state that you propose to reconstitute the War Revenue Committee and to refer the matter to it for re-examination and advice. I venture, in passing to invite the attention of Honourable Members to the fact that expenditure on the War Taxation Department itself both this year and next has been and will be kept considerably lower than the original estimate.

It only remains for me to add that the detailed preparation of the estimates of expenditure has been in the preparation of the competent hands of Mr. Todd, who has also been responsible for the preparation of the memorandum which accompanies it.

AMENDMENT MOVED

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson thanked the Financial Secretary for his excellent clear speech and moved an amendment that the estimates be considered by a Select Committee comprising of the Colonial Secretary, the Financial Secretary and all unofficial members.

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said he desired to second the motion and in doing so, he would like to associate himself with Mr. Paterson's tribute to the Financial Secretary.

The motion was carried.

GUNPLAY NOT ENCOURAGED IN COLONY

HEAVY SENTENCE AT SESSIONS

"We do not encourage gunplay in this Colony," said the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday in passing sentence of seven years' hard labour on CHEUNG WAN, 21, who was found guilty on counts of shooting with intent and with possession of arms.

Cheung was charged with shooting, with intent, at P.C. D288, Chung Shu-cho, and shooting at Pang Kwong with intent to do grievous bodily harm, in Kowloon. Defendant had pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey, prosecuted, and the following comprised the Jury:—Messrs. P. Chessex (Foreman), Sun Hem-lai, J. H. van der Laan, Yuen Kam-fui, Wong Yuk-yue, Mok Maw-yue and A. W. S. Ramsay.

SUSPICIOUS MANNER

About 1.30 p.m. on Dec. 13 Pang Kwong noticed two men, one of whom was accused, acting in a suspicious manner in Lai-chikok Road. There was a money-changer's shop in the vicinity and he thought the men had designs on this shop.

In a statement from the dock, accused said that while walking in the street he was jostled twice by Pang, who later also wanted to search him but could not produce any proof that he was a police officer.

Accused said that when he saw the constable he took fright as he knew he (accused), had a revolver on him. He went into a scavenging lane to throw the weapon away. While taking out his revolver it got caught and was accidentally fired.

POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. Jerebko, of No. 4, Hart Avenue, reports that while she was playing with a cat in her house on Jan. 14, she was bitten on both arms by the animal. She was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment while the animal was sent to Matakook for observation.

Chan Kim, of No. 408 Lockhart Road, has reported the theft of a bicycle, valued at \$30, from outside the Central Market on Jan. 15.

Fung Kim-tai, master of Junk No. 2928 HW, reports that on Christmas Day, while he was sailing off Sam Mun, he was stopped by a Japanese warship. Six Japanese came on board and took away his licence.

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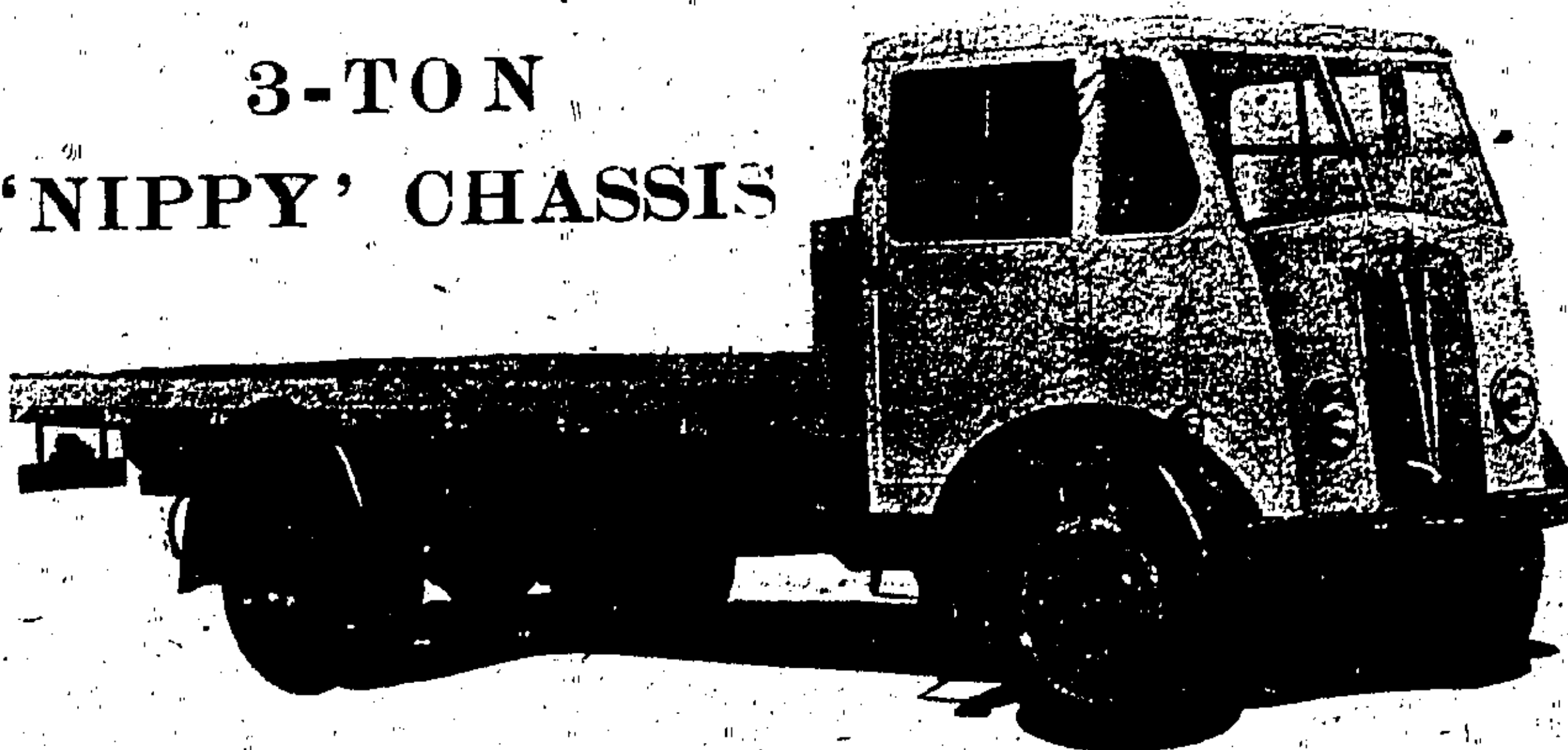
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

MISC. PROC. NO. 72 OF 1940

In the Matter of Hung Phung Mai Hong Company (Hong Kong) Ltd. (In Voluntary Liquidation)

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinance No. 39 of 1932.

NOTICE is hereby given that by an Order dated the 3rd day of January, 1941, the Court has directed a meeting of the members of the above-named Company to be convened for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving, with or without modification, a scheme of compromise and arrangement proposed to be made between the said Company and the holders of the Founders' shares of the said Company, its Directors, officers and employees.

The said Meeting will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at No. 38, Bonham Strand, West, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Monday, the Third day of March, 1941, and all members are requested to attend.

A print of the said scheme of compromise and arrangement can be seen and forms of proxy obtained at the office of the Liquidators at No. 38 Bonham Strand West aforesaid or at the office of their Solicitors Messrs. Ts'o & Hodgson of first floor, Prince's Building, Victoria aforesaid.

Members may attend such Meeting and vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies are deposited with the Liquidators at their office aforesaid not later than 24 hours before the time fixed for holding the said Meeting.

The Court has appointed Mr. Leung Shui Chow, or failing him, Mr. Chan Fook Hung to act as Chairman of the said Meeting, and has directed such Chairman to report the result of the said Meeting to the Court.

The above-mentioned scheme will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1941.

TS'O & HODGSON,
Solicitors for the Liquidators.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF GUSTAV OTTO AMANN late of No. 24 Conduit Road Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Engineer deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 1st February, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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E. W. HAMILTON,
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January 16th, 1941.

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By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 14th January, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land near Tai Shui Hang, Demarcation District 169, New Territories in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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NAVAL AND AIR SUPERIORITY

EVIDENCE is accumulating, as day succeeds day, of the firm grip which the British Navy is continuing to maintain on the supremacy of the seas and the increasing superiority which Britain's air force is steadily securing in aerial warfare. Following immediately on the heels of the figures showing that British shipping losses have consistently decreased during the past three weeks, came news of the thrilling exploit of the sea and air action in the Mediterranean, in which combined German and Italian attempts to "scare the British Fleet out of the Mediterranean" completely failed. The reduced shipping losses cannot be entirely attributed to bad weather conditions obstructing enemy submarine and aerial activity, though authoritative quarters in London have not entirely neglected this factor in reviewing the improved situation in regard to undersea and air attacks on merchant shipping. Reports of the persistent blasting which the British air force is carrying out on naval and air bases in Germany and German-occupied territory must undoubtedly have contributed to this present satisfactory state of affairs.

THE SUCCESSFUL action in the Mediterranean, however, confirms that the high state of efficiency and keenness of the men of the "silent service" and the air force to cripple the Axis attempts to break down the resistance of Britain's fighting strength and the spirit of the British people. Indeed, the details of the latest Mediterranean action is proof that the German attempt to go to the assistance of Italy has come far too late. The British Fleet in those waters, as a result of its previous convincing successes against the Italians, has established itself in a firmer position than it has ever held before and the fact that an important convoy, conveying essential supplies for the Greeks, was entirely undamaged and proceeded to its destination is an indication of the superior fighting qualities of the two services which shared in the British success. The determination and recklessness with which the attack on the convoy was carried out by the German air squadron is a sign of how desperately Herr Hitler wants to break down

GEN. CHIANG AND CHRISTIANITY

PASTOR'S DREAM CAME TRUE

"History throughout the ages contains the record of many remarkable conversions but this conversion of the leader of China's 500,000,000 strikingly reveals the hand of God guiding the destinies of nations.

"The Generalissimo's conversion has been referred to as the most important event in Christian annals since the conversion of the Roman emperor, Constantine," declared Mr. K. S. Lee, when he spoke on the subject: "How Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, became a Christian" at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Lee related the story of Gen Chiang's conversion, as told him by Pastor T. Z. Kuang, who baptised the Generalissimo 11 years ago.

Pastor Kuang dreamed one night in 1928 that "Gen. Chiang sat on my right hand and his wife on my left, and across our laps lay a dark green steamer rug. We were out motoring somewhere, and three months later his dream came true.

In the opinion of Pastor Kuang, Madame Soong had more than anyone else influenced the development of the Generalissimo's Christian life.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. S. W. Poon.

Britain's sea supremacy and air resistance.

IT IS THIS desperation which will make him redouble his efforts and it would be unwise to regard the assault on Britain's Mediterranean strength as the best the Germans are capable of putting out. The fact that his airmen, who were no doubt specially picked for the attack, were able to inflict some negligible damage on a couple of units of the British Fleet which were escorting the convoy will probably encourage him to renew his attempts to weaken Britain's naval power in this and other areas. But what this latest British success means is that it has shown Herr Hitler that his attempts to succour his Italian ally are going to be fraught with the greatest difficulty and that Marshal Graziani's unfortunate army in Libya will have to fend for itself without any possible hope of reinforcements being permitted to reach him as long as the British Navy commands the Mediterranean and the British air force is there to assist it and, at the same time, to make the existence of the Italian troops in North Africa one long misery.

THIS BRITISH superiority also puts a check on the German attempts to help his languishing partner out of his predicament in Albania—that is, as far as rendering him assistance from the sea and air is concerned. While the valiant Greeks continue to hammer relentlessly at the disorganised Italians in Albania, the Royal Air Force has combined with the Greek air and naval units to harass the sea and aerial lines of communication and to pound at the fleeing Italian troops. The only help which Herr Hitler can send the Junior gangster now will have to be across land, and, despite all his bluster and threats, the prospect of a two-front land war, in addition to two-front air war, which he has now undertaken, is not a prospect that can entirely please the Nazi fanatic, when he sits back and contemplates to what an extent this splitting up of his land and air forces will weaken his chances of realising his main objective—the winning of the Battle of Britain, the chances of success of which are becoming more remote than ever.

FLAMING PORTENTS IN THE SKY OF 1941: WAITING—FOR WHAT?

"We all recognise that in 1940 Herr Hitler held the initiative, but we have a feeling in our bones today that the initiative is now slipping from his hands," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., when he broadcast from London on Wednesday in the "Weekly News Letter" series.

"Behind all that has been happening in the past few weeks," said Sir Frederick, "there is a sense of expectation in the air. We seem to see the shadow of coming events, as though things are working to a climax. We are now in mid-winter and there are only six weeks to go before spring will be with us.

THE INITIATIVE

"The armies of today do not go into winter quarters as they did in the old days and if you had been in London the other night you would not have described the second attempt to set London on fire as a lull in the war.

"The ordinary man-in-the-street is now waiting for something to happen and the question is whether Herr Hitler is fashioning some new thunder-bolts to launch on the world. But does he know where to launch them? We all recognise that Herr Hitler held the initiative in 1940, but we have a feeling in our bones today that the initiative is now slipping from his hands.

"It is, therefore, plain that Herr Hitler will not be left free to strike when and where he pleases and he may be forced to strike with all his might before it is too late. Hitherto Herr Hitler has always prepared his plans in advance. He has been able to choose the moment to strike."

DRIVEN BY FATE

"Today, it looks as he is not so complete a master of the situation and it seems as if fate is now driving him. There are countries and Governments in Europe today who no longer see him as they saw him last year. There has been a recent change in their behaviour and the stiffening of the attitude in the Balkan countries tells the same tale.

"We are not dealing with fantasies, but with facts and tendencies which show very clearly which way the wind is blowing."

Sir Frederick then referred to the new trade agreement which was signed between Soviet Russia and Germany. "The agreement of Jan. 10 is not exactly spectacular, but it provides interesting matter for speculation," he said. "There is nothing new in it and it seems unlikely that Germany will get Russian supplies this year as the result of the renewal of this trade treaty.

"There are, no doubt many Russian products which may go across the Russian frontier to Germany, but any increase in these supplies in 1941 depends on transport, which has always been the weakest link in the Russian industrial system. The test of the economic

Burmese Newsmen Wish China Early Victory

The Burmese people are full of sympathy with the Chinese cause and are eager to see the early advent of China's victory in her war of resistance. Out of China's present struggle and after the attainment of victory, it is hoped that a new, better and more enduring democracy will arise in the Orient.

This is the gist of a farewell message issued by Mr. U. Tun Than, deputy leader of the party of the visiting Burmese journalists. After having concluded a 3-week goodwill visit to wartime China, the party left Chengtu yesterday by air for Kunming on its way of return to Burma. During their stay in China, the Burmese newspapermen visited Kunming, Chungking and Chengtu and called on many Chinese leaders.

Mr. Than expressed thanks for the cordial reception given the Burmese newspapermen by the Chinese officials and people during their visit. He said that he and his colleagues were deeply impressed by what they had seen in China and thereby had acquired a better knowledge and understanding of the Chinese people.

GREATER INTEREST

After having studied the conditions in China, especially her efforts at reconstruction, Mr. Than said that he was convinced that China will surely emerge victorious. He promised that, upon the party's return to Burma, it will do its utmost to stimulate greater interest in Chinese affairs among

JUNK PIRACY IN BRITISH WATERS

A report of a piracy between Tai Fo and Peng Chau Island in British waters on Tuesday was made to the Police yesterday by a boat fook, Tsang Tam, 39, who had been taken into custody when officers of a Police launch searched a junk near Tai Lok Lok Wan on Wednesday.

Brought to Tai Po Police Station yesterday morning, Tsang claimed that he was sailing with his brother, Tsang Chung, on boat No. 1796P for Peng Chau Island when they were stopped near Port Island by a pirate vessel. A warning shot was fired by the pirates who came on board and commandeered the boat.

He was locked up in the hold with his brother. Tsang further stated, though the latter was taken on deck in the morning and he did not come out till the late afternoon. He found the vessel to be off Tai Lok Wan and sighted the pirates making off up the hillside. Police Launch No. 1 was in the immediate vicinity.

(Tsang Chung has not been found since.)

NEWSETTES

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold a general meeting at its club house on Sunday at 4 p.m.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Kong Jong, of No. 508 Nathan Road, and Miss Wong Yeck-ho, of No. 17 Poplar Street, is announced at the Registry.

The remains of the late Mrs. Muriel Edith de Biere, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital, were cremated yesterday at the Hindu Crematorium.

The Canton University English Club has received acknowledgment from President Roosevelt in reply to their congratulatory message on the occasion of his re-election.

The funeral of Detective P.C. C.519 Ip Hung, who was shot dead by a gunman in Kut Hing Street, Tai O District, on Wednesday night, will take place tomorrow, the procession leaving Kowloon Public Mortuary at 3 p.m. All available Chinese constables off duty will attend in uniform.

A decree absolute was granted to Mrs. Enid D. Germ against Mr. A. Germ by Commissioner N. E. Lurton in the U. S. Court of Shanghai, on January 8. Mr. J. B. Davies represented the plaintiff.

The death occurred on January 7, at Shanghai, of Harry Latham, aged 36 years, husband of Mrs. Alma Latham and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Latham of Bolton, England. Funeral services were held on January 9 at the Bubbling Well Chapel.

The death occurred on January 9, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Jean Darroch, aged 11 years and three months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shields. The funeral (cremation) service was held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel on January 11.

The death occurred on January 9, in Shanghai, at his home in Cathay Mansions, of Roy Emory Gilleland, aged 53 years, husband of Mrs. Helen F. Gilleland, General Manager and Vice-President of Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd. Funeral services were held on January 11 at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiao Chow Road.

The death occurred on January 10, at his residence, 374 Route Ferguson, Shanghai, of Kum Hon-Sun, aged 82 years; Comrade of the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Ltd. for over fifty years. Encoffinement ceremony was held on Jan. 12, in the Hall of the Happy Garden (Loh Yuan) Funeral Home, corner of Great Western and Tunsin Roads.

The party of seven Burmese journalists who arrived at Chengtu from Chungking by plane on Tuesday last, were entertained at a dinner reception by Mayor Yu Chung-ying the same evening. The visiting journalists are making a goodwill tour in "Free China" for the purpose of promoting closer relations between Burma and China. They were received in Chungking recently by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and by other high Chinese Government officials.

HULL'S URGE FOR SPEEDY SUPPLY

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The new lead by Mr. Cordell Hull did much to secure the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill through Congress yesterday, when he appeared before the Foreign Affairs Committee and delivered the most severe indictment of aggressor nations he has yet made anywhere.

Much of his attack was directed against Japan. He put actions of that nation into the perspective from which both the Administration and State Department view those actions.

It is agreed that seldom has such an indictment of one country been delivered by a Foreign Minister of another while the nations concerned are at peace, and Mr. Hull's statement is regarded here as a clear warning to Japan that America is not prepared to stand by and see the subjugation of half the world's population.

NOTICE TO JAPAN

It is also regarded as a notice to Japan that her threats to the United States have been noted and, for the sake of American safety and security, taken at face value and this country is preparing for all eventualities which the actions of Japan or any other aggressor may create.

After stating the peaceful intentions of American policy, Mr. Hull referred to the three nations which had made it abundantly clear by word and deed that they are determined to repudiate and destroy the foundation of civilized world order under law and enter upon the road of armed conquest and subjugation of other nations and of tyrannical rule over their victims.

FATAL DIRECTION

Mr. Hull then bluntly declared the first step in this fatal direction had occurred in the Far East when Japan forcibly occupied Manchuria in contravention of the Nine-Power Treaty and Kellogg Pact after which the equilibrium of the Far East, which had been established by the Washington Conference, became seriously disturbed.

Japanese control was marked by the carrying out of policy discrimination which had forced out American and other foreign interests, he said.

During the following years, Mr. Hull added, Japan went steadily on in preparation for expansion by force of arms, intensifying the construction of military and naval armaments and undertaking actions directed towards the extension of her domination over China and involving the disregard and

destruction of lawful rights and interests of other nations.

In cold tones of disapproval, Mr. Hull described the large-scale invasion in 1937 by a million men and the occupation of coast and interior provinces.

BROAD AMBITIONS

"It has been clear throughout that Japan has been motivated from the start by broad ambitions and plans for establishing herself in a dominant position in the entire Western Pacific.

"Her leaders have openly declared the determination to achieve and maintain that position by force of arms and make themselves masters of an area containing almost half the world's population. "As a consequence they would have arbitrary control of sea and trade routes in that region.

"Previous experience and current developments indicate the proposed new order means politically the domination by one country and economically the employment of resources of the area controlled to the ultimate impoverishment of other parts of that area and the exclusion of interests of other countries.

"Socially, it means the destruction of personal liberties and reduction of conquered peoples to the role of inferiors.

"It should be a manifest to every person that such a programme for the subjugation and ruthless exploitation by one country of nearly half the world's population is a matter of immediate significance and importance and concern every other nation wherever located."

BERLIN REACTION

The reaction of Berlin and Tokyo to Mr. Cordell Hull's speech is nearly similar.

Berlin states that Mr. Hull is merely following Mr. Roosevelt's footsteps.

Japanese newspapers make the same statement and complain that the United States and Britain are trying to encircle Japan.

"AMERICA TREMBLES"

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—All vernaculars gave prominence to Mr. Cordell Hull's testimony under banner headlines.

Typical among these is the YOMIURI SHIMBUN'S "America trembles at the shadow of war over the Pacific; Hull represents Japan in wild terms frantically seeking passage of Aid for Britain Bill."

The HOCHI SHIMBUN says: "America fears illusory attack; Hull slanders Japanese, German and Italian efforts."

VIGOROUS BOMBING OF TOBRUK

SAND-STORMS DIE DOWN

The heaviest sand-storms in Libya have now died down, making it easier for the Imperial forces to bring up their equipment for the attack on Tobruk, states a London message.

British guns have been carrying out a vigorous bombardment, but the Italian air force has given the Tobruk garrison no more help than they gave the garrison at Bardia.

MORE AMAZED

A correspondent describes the difficulties of the Imperial troops across the desert even in the absence of sand-storms. The more he saw of the conditions there, the more he was amazed at how the British army could have been allowed to reach Tobruk at all.

The correspondent also describes the fortifications of Bardia, which he said was a natural fortress. It was built in a ravine and there was a network of caves around the fort, with nearly 30 feet of rock above it.

WHY THERE IS NO INVASION —YET

The German public are beginning to wonder why the long promised invasion has not taken place yet, states a London message.

The Volkischer Beobachter argues that there has been no invasion because it is better to keep the British people living under the strain of nervous waiting for the attack.

The Germans will find that the strain will tell more on the nerves of the German people than on the people of Britain, concludes the message.

NO CHANGE

The latest communique issued from Cairo states: "No change in the situation. On all fronts active patrolling continues. The Imperial forces are consolidating their positions for the coming attack."

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—In an effort to drive home to the Japanese people the mounting danger of conflict in the Pacific in consequence of the "increasingly overt American hostility towards Japan, German and Italy," the National Service Association is launching a nationwide series of lecture meetings.

CAPT. CYRIL FALLS ON—

THE FIGHTING IN ALBANIA: THE GREEK VICTORIES

"I hope none of us have forgotten what we owe the Greeks—they were the first people in Europe to resist the Axis Powers and to invade Axis territory," said CAPTAIN CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of The Times, when he broadcast in London yesterday on the nature of the war in Albania and now it compares with the operations in Libya.

"We owe them a great debt for their sturdy resistance and for the opportunities they have afforded us by providing our forces of the air and sea with useful bases.

INITIATIVE NEVER LOST

"The Greek offensive is still continuing and is still successful. It is not a sensational advance, but the surprising thing is that the Greeks have been able to maintain their pressure and have never lost the initiative. I myself thought that the winter would bring the campaign to a standstill and I was agreeably surprised by their capture of Kilsura and their progress towards Berat and El Bassan.

"All this shows the character of the Greek troops and that they are undaunted by conditions which make operations difficult. Good planning, good leadership, resolution and sacrifice have contributed to this. It is not rare to win a victory, but the type of victory would vary with the type of country and conditions.

"In one it may be followed by sweeping movements and it is certainly not easy to win a victory in Albania in January and therefore, we should make no mistake about this campaign in Albania. The campaign in Libya is hard. The troops are down to the bare level of subsistence. Dust storms are a constant threat to temper and nerves, but in spite of this it is good country for campaign of movement.

A CONTRACT

"If you can keep your attacks going and get up supplies of food and lubricating oils, there are no bars to mobility. It is open country and is called game country. Therefore, you can get sweeping attacks, swift rushes to the next position are possible and there are all the changes of scene to make it attractive and interesting.

"It would be hard to imagine more difficult country than that in which the Greeks are fighting on the other side of the Mediterranean. Recent reports speak of the snow having changed to rain. The roads are few, but the few that there are are good, as the Italians are good road-makers.

"But everything for the army has got to come by these roads.

The Greeks have no railways, except the one that runs to Salonika and Florina and therefore there are only two methods of advance in mountain warfare. The first is the one practiced on the Indian frontier against tribesmen armed with rifles and without modern artillery. By this method troops can press along the road up to the crowned heights by pushing detachments on either side of the road and driving the enemy beyond rifle range of the road.

"Our Indian troops are skilful in this sort of warfare and the British regiments on the frontier have learnt their technique. The only fear is riflemen in the hills as the enemy dare not hold the roads by himself.

GREEK TACTICS

"In operating against a modern army in the mountains, crowning the heights will not be enough and it is necessary to bring the enemy down from the positions they command before the roads can be used.

"These are the tactics that the Greeks have used throughout. They can be carried out at lightning speed, but only in the early stages and before winter they were fairly rapid. Lately there have been very heavy falls of snow and it has been bitterly cold and it is easy to imagine the advance of an army simply over mule tracks at great heights.

"Often lorries may not be able to get within twenty miles of the front and everything must go in the pack-saddles of mules. You can only leave a battalion in this place for a few days and then relieve it.

"It was an extra bad turn of the weather which delayed the capture of Kilsura. It is, however, equally bad for both sides and I am sure that the Italians are more miserable because they did not have victory on their side.

"On the other hand the Italians are better off because they are being driven back on their own lines of communication, while those of the Greeks are being stretched out.

"I hope I have made it clear why movement in a campaign of the sort which the Greeks are conducting must be slow. Only determined troops, used to this kind of fighting, can make headway at all."

Strike Hard At Weakest Point In Axis Armour

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Because it may not be possible for Britain to fully engage her real enemy Germany for some time to come, said the British Minister of Shipping, MR. RONALD CROSS, in a broadcast to the United States early yesterday, it is much more necessary to strike hard and even harder at the weakest point in the Axis armour—the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, he added, Germany would continue to receive British attention "in the air, and at sea and with the weapon of blockade." Mr. Cross declared that Britain is getting her second wind and that the Nile army had become the spearhead of Britain's offensive.

People in Britain are confident of victory, not so much because of the lack of fighting qualities in the Italian soldier as in the anomalies of Italy's military economic situation.

NEGLECTED EQUIPMENT

Italy, Mr. Cross explained, was prepared not for war, but for victory which was to be achieved by Germany and by Italy. So certain of victory was Italy, that she neglected the equipment of her Army and her Air Force.

Italy held practically no domestic coal supplies and was totally devoid of domestic oil resources. Many vital metals could be obtained only through Germany.

"Already we see that Germany in the knowledge of being master of Rome, is slowly dropping the pretext of equality," Mr. Cross continued. Italian help is no longer needed now, he said, and the status of the ally of Hitler is much more dangerous than the status of his enemy.

WIDEN RIFT

The latest developments of the Italo-German relations had a good deal to do with Marshal Badoglio's resignation. Weakness of morale, he added, was piled on Italy's natural economic and industrial weakness and every new defeat would progressively widen the rift between Fascist leadership and the best elements in that misguided nation.

"Britain is getting her second wind: we feel we know the thug's tricks," he declared, "and we are encouraged by aeroplanes, ships, guns, tanks, shells and all the thousands of things that a gigantic war makes necessary and they are all coming as fast as hand and brains can speed them."

SHANGHAI WAR FUND PASSES £100 THOUSAND

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The British War Fund passed the £100,000 mark this morning, thus enabling the purchase of an entire squadron for the R. A. F. to be known as the British China Squadron.

The type of plane to be bought has been left to the decision of the Air Ministry.

FOR SPITFIRES

BATAVIA, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The subscription of the Netherlands East Indies Spitfire fund has now reached over 1,000,000 guilders.

The East Indies have thus far forwarded money for 27 Spitfires apart from 18 bombers and 40 Spitfires which were presented to the British Government from other subscriptions.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Through the intervention of the French Ambassador, M. Henri Cosme, the French Indo-China authorities has agreed in principle to release Chinese goods detained by them since the blockade of the Yunnan-Indo-China Railway, according to the Chinese press. Full details of the agreement, however, have yet to be worked out, it is added.

HITLER TO INVADE EIRE SHORTLY? ENCIRCLEMENT OF JAPAN

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which Mr. Matsuoka says he desired in the relations between Australia and Japan.

Mr. P. C. Spender, the Australian War Minister, said yesterday that nothing he had said in his broadcast from Singapore, was incompatible with the remarks made by President Roosevelt to the American Congress.

The Australian Minister for External Affairs commenting on Mr. Matsuoka's statement, said that mutual understanding was the basis for the recent appointment of Ambassadors.

There were cordial relations between Australia and Japan and it was in this connexion that he welcomed Mr. Kawai as the first Japanese Minister to Australia.

DRIFT OF DEVELOPMENTS

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—The leading vernaculars this morning raised a unanimous chorus of concern regarding the drift of developments in South Eastern Asia.

Alleging Anglo-American "manoeuvres" to dominate Indo-China and block Japan's co-prosperity sphere the Hoshi Shimbun warns those nations to be on guard.

The Press views the resumption of commerce between France and Indo-China as evidence of a secret understanding with Britain.

The ASAHI SHIMBUN says that badly needed goods are pouring into Haiphong via Macao from Hongkong. The paper adds: "It is felt that Britain is operating behind the Indo-China Government, at least no such thing would

ACHILLES HEEL OF BRITISH EMPIRE

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—"Hitler will act shortly—perhaps in a few weeks," declared the exiled German leader, Otto Strasser, when interviewed by the independent French agency.

He believes that Hitler will strike in Ireland and Syria. "Hitler has modified last year's invasion scheme and evolved a plan for the blockade and invasion of Britain with the conquest of Ireland as the goal.

"Ireland is regarded by theorists as the Achilles heel of the British Empire." He discusses the possibility of letting loose an Army of parachutists and transport planes over Ireland which Hitler would "defend" against British intervention.

INVASION BASE

"Hitler hopes, at a price of a few hundred or even a few thousand planes, to gain in three days a formidable invasion base against Britain.

"I believe that he would invade Ireland rather than make an attack against Egypt or Gibraltar. The danger points to which the attention of Britain should be drawn are Ireland and Syria."

It is possible without Indo-China co-operation with Britain.

The MIYAKO SHIMBUN fears "underhand measures by Britain and America in the Siam and Indo-China dispute."

Full Story Of Illustrious

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few feet from the stern. Plans after plane got into a curtain of fire and were destroyed.

British Wireless adds that one correspondent describes how the next thing he saw "was the wing of a German plane drop from the sky and fall across, after a lift of the the Illustrious. The air was filled with almost overpowering fumes. Guns of the aircraft-carrier continued to roar. The planes continued to dive so low, that they sounded as though they were almost landing on to the flightdeck.

"At intervals, the ship, continued to shudder from near misses."

DARING PILOTS

All correspondents comment on the daring of the German pilots. German dive-bomber. It is said, appeared to converge from all sides and then dive in rapid succession. Meeting the full strength of a terrific barrage, they nevertheless held their bombs for release at the very last moment. At last the attack came to an end.

The correspondents, to whom that short time had seemed an eternity, were understandably comforted to hear the Admiral remark, as he descended from the bridge to examine the damage, "That was the longest five minutes I've had in my life."

"But the respite was only temporary. Eleven high-level planes drew a further tremendous barrage of fire from the aircraft-carrier guns. This attack did not result in any further hits and was apparently part of an attack against the fleet in general as distinct from the concentrated fury of the dive-bombers brought against the most vulnerable target in the whole of the escort, namely, the Illustrious herself.

FEW NEAR MISSES

The high-level attack was followed by a second appearance of dive bombers. In this onslaught, the aircraft-carrier received a few near misses, causing many perforations above and below the waterline.

The afternoon dragged slowly on with further intermittent bombing.

At dusk, the enemy tried a further aerial torpedo attack. Once more a barrage went up, only two of the guns having been put out of action. Then darkness brought an end to the story.

On reaching port, the wounded were quickly removed to hospital.

NOT SUFFICIENT

A Moscow newspaper is quoted in a London message as stating that the struggle in the Mediterranean and in the Atlantic has shown that air supremacy alone is not sufficient to secure domination of the sea. British naval supremacy has cut Italian communications and stopped the transport of troops from Italy to Libya.

A Spanish newspaper says: "From the commercial point of view, the Mediterranean route remains open to British merchant ships. From a military point of view, the waters of the Mediterranean Sea can still serve the purpose of sending reinforcements to Greece or North Africa."

DO NOT CONTROL

The Italians now admit that they don't control even the narrowest part of the Mediterranean, says a London message.

A statement issued in Rome stated that it was becoming increasingly clear that Italy must try to control its channels of communication across the Mediterranean to make convoys effective

BANNERS PRESENTED TO KWANGSI LEADERS

KWEILIN, Jan. 16 (Central)—On behalf of the Chungshan Y.M.C.A. War-time Service Squad from Hong Kong, Messrs. Chen Hai-ying, Tai Chou and Chen Chi presented banners to General Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces in the Fifth War Zone; General Pao Chung-hsi, Chief of the Board of Military Training of the National Military Council; General Huang Hsu-chin, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, and General Li Chi-sum, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters in Kweilin, as a token of respect.

General Li Chi-sum, thanking for the gift, paid a tribute to the Chungshan Y.M.C.A. for its work in connexion with the relief of wounded soldiers and refugees.

Music While You Work

A suggested programme for the B.B.C. based on suggestions made by the following: "Hitler—'Oh, to be in England'; 'Some Day I'll Find You'; 'I Dreamt That I Dwelt in the Albert Hall'."

Mussolini—"Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold"; "Take Me Back to My Boots and Saddle." Goering—"Oh Where, Oh Where, Has My Air Force Gone?"; "Roll Out the Barrel"; "Luftwaffe, Come Back to Me."

Goebbels—"Why Should I Lie to You?"; "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie"; "Another Little Lie Wouldn't Do Us Any Harm."

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS:

NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN
ARMS POSSESSION TRIAL

After a short retirement, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" in the case in which Hui Hung alias Hui Fung-hung was arraigned before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams yesterday on the charge of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sgt. E. Morris, Officer-in-Charge of Ping Shan Police Station, prosecuted. The jury comprised Messrs. G. J. Pissareu-sky, Kuo Chiu-chuen, Ma Kam-shing, Lau Hin-cheung, Lam Shui-wan, Lee Yue-wai, and Kwan Shing-cho.

The case for the Crown was that at about 1 a.m. on Dec. 23, 1940, a Police party headed by Sgt. Morris and an informer went to Lau Fau Shan, arriving there at about 2.15 a.m. There were about 12 boats moored off the foreshore, among which was defendant's boat which was about 15 feet from the water's edge.

LOADED RIFLE

The Police then proceeded to search the hold and found a rifle loaded with one round of ammunition. Search of another hold revealed nothing, but by the side of the hold was found a revolver, loaded with three rounds, hidden under some straw.

When charged, accused made a statement denying ownership of the arms and ammunition and

claimed that they were planted on his junk.

After evidence had been given by Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Perkins (Police Armourer, who testified that the rifle was in good working order but had not been fired for some time, and that the revolver was very old and unserviceable), Tang Yue, the Chinese detective-sergeant, and Hui Sau-yau, the Police interpreter, accused gave evidence on his own behalf.

ARMS PLANTED

He stated that he was an oyster breeder and had been carrying on business for a long time at Lau Fau Shan, and known to the fishermen in the vicinity. He claimed that the arms had been planted on his junk.

Evidence was given by defendant's 10-year-old son, and his wife, both of whom denied all knowledge of the arms and ammunition.

In his summing up, his Lordship reminded the jury that the defendant had maintained throughout the whole time he was arrested to the time he gave evidence in the box, that he knew nothing of the arms and ammunition and that they must have been planted on his junk.

He directed the jury that if they believed his story they must return a verdict of not guilty. The same verdict must be returned if they have any reasonable doubt as to his guilt.



The Canadian interviewer, Rooney Pelletier, talking to two children sheltering in the children's section of the crypt of the "Church of the Empire."

Historic Edifices To Be
Demolished Preparatory To
Rebuilding London

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Dynamite is to be used to make the "City" of London safe. Hundreds of Royal Engineers and Pioneers arrived within the historic square-mile area today to speed up the work of demolition necessitated by the Nazis' "witch's sabbath" of fire and destruction, writes S. Martin Chisholm in the Manila Bulletin.

The ruins of many structures stand in a dangerous condition, and the engineers have ordered the use of dynamite where necessary. This fate awaits many a historic church or hall whose walls have withstood the winds of centuries.

LIST OF DEVASTATIONS

As the list of devastation is compiled, there comes to light the destruction of yet another building famous wherever men go down to the sea in ships. Trinity House on Tower Hill, home of the Trinity brethren who for centuries cared for the buoys, beacons and lighthouses which gave safe and sure guidance to ships approaching or passing the coasts of Britain.

Tonight, 72 hours after the Nazis' wanton and indiscriminate onslaught, the work of clearing up was still proceeding steadily and methodically. Every fire was long since under control, yet here and there in the square mile of the city, I found pumps which have hardly ceased to run since Sunday night, belching water on to the heaps of debris under which a few embers still tenaciously smouldered.

PICTURES OF HAVOC

I have seen many pictures of the havoc wrought by bombers, pictures from Madrid of the Spanish civil war, pictures from China and, more recently, from Poland. In Newgate Street, not 10 minutes' walk from my office, I saw tonight scenes of destruction that it is hard to believe could ever happen here. On either side, and practically from end to end,

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Yet within a few yards from its entrance, the city was carrying on its business as usual. Shops within a stone's throw of heaps of charred ruins were selling their wares, typewriters clattered in offices without faltering, and a steady stream of passers-by made its way through the scarred thoroughfares hardly glancing to the right or left.

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CABLE DAMAGED

Charged with stealing two pieces of cable at Kennedy Road, near Macdonell Road, on Jan. 14, and previously on Jan. 11, stealing seven yards of cable, property of the military authorities, Chan Ming, 20, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday when he was sentenced to four months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman said that damage done to the cable and the magazine was \$320.

FALSE PRETENCES

Cheung Ming, 23, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry on a charge of obtaining \$27 from Chan Kwai-hang, student, by means of false pretences at No. 36, Russell Street on Nov. 4, and was remanded till tomorrow.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley prosecuted.

MAINTENANCE ORDER

A provisional maintenance order was made against G. H. Blok on a summons for maintenance brought by Mrs. Blok, alias Chan Yuet-heng, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday. Defendant is in Singapore.

TSE FA LOTTERY

Before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Kwok Kwai, 32, and Mak Fuk, 40, woman, were charged with keeping common gaming houses for the tse fa lottery at No. 24, Tai Wong Street East, first floor, and No. 9, Canal Road East, ground floor, respectively, and were fined \$50 each.

Charged with a similar offence at No. 145, Lockhart Road, first floor, Ma Ching had \$75 bail estreated.

Chan Kwai, 30, widow, charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 202, Hollywood Road, third floor, had bail of \$50 estreated.

Chau Sang-chuen, 25, and Lui Po, 44, were similarly charged in connection with po tse at No. 11, Wing Sing Street, first floor.

Lui was fined \$30. Chau and the six others had their bail of \$50 and \$3 each, respectively, estreated.

A total of \$17.15 picked up in the raids was placed in the Poor Box.

SIX MONTHS' GAOL

Pleading guilty to stealing two tricycles, valued at \$80 and \$80, from Huan Kam-chuen, shop fob, and unlawful possession of offensive weapons on Jan. 1, before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Ng Chun-wah, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

IMPORTING NOTES

Lo Tsik-shan, 31, and Ho Yeung, 23, shop fobs, were charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday for importing on Board s.s. Shirogane Maru, on Jan. 15, \$250,000 Chinese banknotes without lawful authority. / Mr. F. I. Zimmerman said the defendants were employees of a certain bank in the Colony.

Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern prosecuted.

A fine of \$30 each was imposed.

AT KOWLOON

ALLEGED KIDNAPERS

Appearing before Major A. N. Macraed yesterday on a charge of abducting a 15-year-old girl, Yuen Kung-king, four defendants, including two women, were remanded for another week.

Accused were Chan Hing, 38, travelling trader, Lam Mui-siu, 17, spinster, Lam Loi, 50, caterer, and Wong Liu, 48, married, woman.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnson said that a man had been sent to the country to bring the girl back. Defendants were arrested as a result of a letter received by the Police from the abducted girl from the country.

STOLE A SAMPAN

Convicted of stealing a sampan on board trading junk No. T1799H at Hungshom Ferry wharf, Cheung See, 25, was fined \$30 or in default, six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

Sgt. A. E. Haynes said that shortly after midnight on Wednesday the master of the junk went on the deck and saw defendant untying the sampan. He gave chase in a borrowed sampan and caught defendant off the Marsman Company.

DAIRY FARM VICTIMISED
For stealing 30 empty bottles from the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Yuen Wang, 45, coolie, was fined \$20 or a month in prison by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

It was stated that defendant was employed by the Company and he was arrested about 1 p.m. on Wednesday by a constable who saw him selling the bottles to a shop.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE
In a raid carried out by the Police in a hut at Sai Tak Village about 3 p.m. on Wednesday 19 men were arrested and charged with keeping a common gaming house and gambling respectively.

Tse Kat, 38, gardener, who was charged with keeping, had his bail of \$75 estreated when he failed to appear. The others had their \$2 bail each estreated.

\$8.90 picked up was placed in the Poor Box.

SHELTER AS LAVATORY

For obeying a call of nature in an A.R.P. shelter at Lai-chikok Road, Tong Sam, 30, was ordered by Mr. Himsforth to sign a personal bond of \$5 and to be expelled from the Colony.

Defendant said that he was a new visitor to the Colony and he took the shelter as a public lavatory.

Sgt. Cameron asked his Worship to take a serious view of this offence as practically all the shelters had been turned into lavatories by ignorant people.

HEROIN DIVAN

A fine of \$650 or a year's hard labour was imposed by Mr. Himsforth yesterday on Yu Kwai, 44, for keeping No. 444, Shanghai Street as a heroin divan, possession of 498 heroin pills and seven pipes. Defendant was arrested by R. O. Warden.

EDUCATION
REPORT

The further influx of both Chinese and foreigners into Hongkong in 1939 due to the continued unsettled conditions in China was responsible for a record maximum enrolment in Colony schools of 118,193, an increase of 14,059 over the 1938 enrolment, which was itself a record, according to the annual report of the Education Department tabled in Legislative Council yesterday.

During the year under review, the Board of Education approved in principle the inclusion of women in the school inspectorate. Special mention is made in the Report of the schools in the refugee camps provided by the Government for those Chinese who entered the Colony when the Sino-Japanese hostilities reached the borders of the New Territories.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational schools maintained during the year were the evening institute, a collective name for the various evening classes organised by the Education Department, the Junior Technical School and the Government Trade School, where instruction was given in engineering, wireless telegraphy, draughtsmanship and other classes.

Besides those maintained by the Government, there were five day and four night unaided English vocational schools during the year.

Of medical inspection, the Report states that 5,887 examinations including re-examination and visual tests, were made during the year. Dental disease formed the largest group of defects. Short-sight was next in frequency.

In case of pupils attending Government schools, spectacles were provided when necessary.

EIGHT KILLED IN
TRAFFIC MISHAPS

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, there were altogether 94 traffic accidents as the result of which eight persons were killed and 18 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, six persons were knocked down and killed by tramcars and motor vehicles while crossing the carriageway.

Of 94 accidents, 46 were collisions between vehicles; 31 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 17 accidents were due to other causes.

Sir Gilbert Wiles, chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, will succeed Sir Alan Parsons as adviser under the Government of India Act, 1935.

STARLING INLET
ROBBERYTWO MEN SENT
TO GAOL

Wan Lam-yeung was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour when a unanimous verdict of Guilty was returned against him by the jury when he was arraigned before Mr. Justice Williams yesterday charged with robbing, with other persons, between 20 and 30 passengers of a junk in Starling Inlet, of various sums of money, property, and livestock, on Dec. 15, 1940.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Acting S.-I. C. Mottram, prosecuted, and the jury comprised Messrs. A. C. Johnstone (Foreman), Tsui Wai-sun, L. A. Ozorio, W. H. Sik-kwai, Loong Tsun-ying, Wong Man-kit and Lau Wan.

Yau Kau, also charged with accused, pleaded guilty to charges of robbery and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and was sentenced to two years.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 and the minimum 62. Total rainfall since January 1 is 0.45 inches against an average of 0.39.

The Royal Observatory report states—

An intense anticyclone remains centred to the north-west of Shanghai, and a depression over the Pacific to the east of Japan

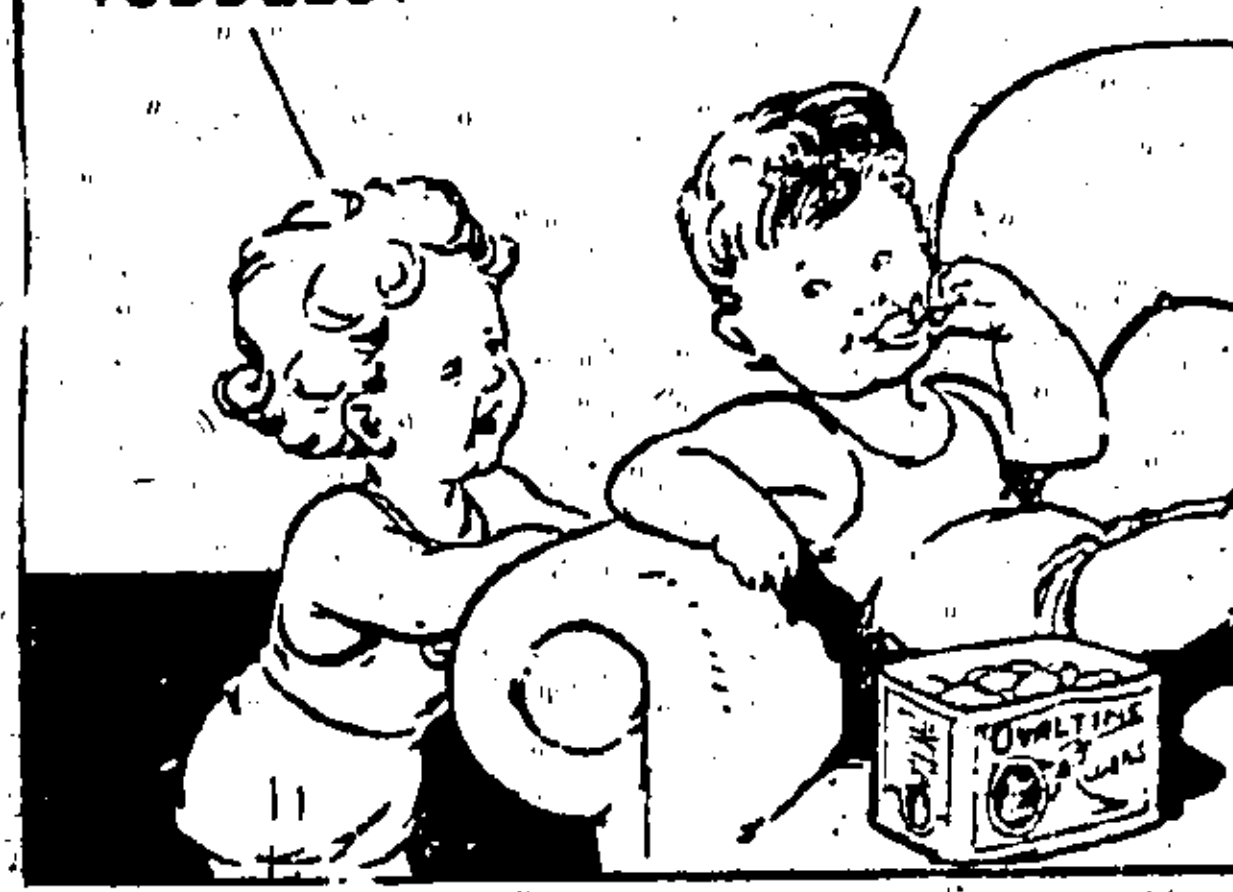
TEETHING TOPICS... N°2

"WHAT'S THAT
YOU'RE EATING
TODDLES?"

"HA! HA!
WOULDN'T YOU
LIKE TO KNOW?"

"YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING IT"

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HEALTHY AND HAPPY. IF YOU CAN'T
GET THEM BY FAIR MEANS - SCREAM
FOR THEM - THEY'RE WORTH IT!"



Finance and Commerce

1940 SEES RECORD RUBBER PRODUCTION

Consolidated figures of Malayan rubber exports for the whole of 1940 show that our rubber exports totalled 772,767 tons last year, the highest level ever recorded, it is believed. Last year's shipments exceeded that of the previous year by 219,443 tons, says the Malaya Tribune.

The value of rubber exports for the first three quarters of 1940 (580,728 tons) amounted to about \$529.33 million, and on this basis the total value of last year's exports must be well over 705 million dollars.

The December shipments at 69,565 tons were about 17,000 tons more than that of the previous month.

That the remarkable increase in Malaya's exports last year is due mainly to the record shipments of rubber is shown by the fact that rubber accounts for nearly sixty per cent of the total value of our exports in 1940, which may work out at over \$1,200 million.

SUSTAINED DEMAND
The sustained demand for rubber and tin from the United States throughout the year was the main reason for the record turnover of our trade, leaving Malaya at the end of the year with an all-time record balance of trade in favour of Malaya of over 240 million dollars.

The largest quantity of rubber exported from Malaya in any month last year was 78,489 tons in September, and the lowest 46,535 in April.

With good prospects for the industry, it may be expected that production may establish yet higher records this year.

Even discounting the effects of the war, it may be presumed that the rearmament programme in the United States alone will keep the Malayan industry in a fairly prosperous condition for some time to come.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—In the Stock Exchange, resumption of interest in Industrials was pronounced.

Activity increased over a wide area and substantial gains were numerous. Tea shares were firm but the shortage of floating supply shares restricted the turnover.

Home rails went ahead and Kaffirs were supported by local operators. In gilt-edged, after a brisk demand, the interest slackened but the early advances were generally maintained.

Wall Street was most dull

Industrial Co-operative Movement Progressing

Marked progress has been made in the Chinese Industrial Co-operative Movement during the past two years and at present there are 2,000 units of co-operatives with a total membership of 30,000 persons and a monthly production capacity valued at \$12,000,000, declared Dr. H.H. Kung, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the C.I.C. in a speech at a reception given to foreign press correspondents in Chungking.

Dr. Kung said that the C.I.C. has a four-fold aim, namely, to secure useful employment for war refugees, to supply China's need of daily necessities, to combat against Japanese economic encroachment, and to propagate the principles of the co-operative movement in order to prepare the country for industrialisation after the war.

15,600 MEMBERSHIP

Launched in March, 1939, Dr. Kung stated, the movement had at its inception only 246 units with a membership of 3,600 persons. At the end of the year, the number of units was increased to 1,284 and the membership to 15,600. At present, the movement has spread to 16 provinces. There are 2,000 units with a membership of 30,000 and a production capacity of \$12,000,000 monthly.

Dr. Kung said that the movement has been financed by three sources, loans granted by the Government totalling some \$10,000,000, loans by the government banks amounting to \$20,000,000, and donations by public organisations in China and abroad. In Hongkong there is an International Committee for the C.I.C. Productive Relief Fund headed by Bishop R.O. Hall, Dr. T.V. Soong and Madame Sun Yat-sen.

There is a similar committee in America headed by Mrs. Roosevelt and Admiral Harry Yarnell, former Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet. (Central News).

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Jan. 16, 1941.

SALES

China Light X. Rts.	120	\$ 6.20
China Lights Rts.	1,000	6.25
H.K. Docks (O)	125	.95
H.K. Docks (N)	200	18.60
H.K. Docks (N)	200	18.10
H.K. Electric (N)	50	40.00
H.K. Tramways	100	18.40
	200	18.50
	500	18.50
	100	18.55
	200	18.55
	300	18.50
	200	18.50
	200	18.50
	500	18.50
	3,995	

The total value is \$59,007.75.
Govt. Loans 3 1/2% \$2,000 at 92 1/2c.

HALF-A-MILLION WOMEN FOR ARMS PRODUCTION

Half a million women, the large majority at present out of employment, are to be absorbed into Britain's munitions production. They will be trained in various branches of engineering, receiving adequate allowances, and will then be employed on the work for which they are best fitted.

These workers will be absorbed under a Ministry of Labour scheme prepared by Miss Caroline Haslett, a pioneer woman engineer, who was appointed adviser to the Ministry on the training and employment of women some weeks ago. Training, which will last eight weeks, is to be given at technical schools and in engineering works. Trainees will be absorbed in relays to ensure a constant flow of additional labour, and it is hoped that by the end of next summer the whole 500,000 women required will be on full-time work.

RATES FIXED

The following rates have been fixed for trainees:
Age 18 to 20: 20s per week, plus 15s for an adult dependant if being trained locally. If away from home: a lodging allowance, plus 5s pocket money, plus 30s for an adult dependant.
Age 21 upwards: 24s per week, plus 15s for an adult dependant, if

POTENTIAL DANGERS TO RUBBER INDUSTRY

"The prospects of rubber during the current year are satisfactory. A good price and a good quota are likely to combine to give a good profit for 1941," declared Mr. Tan Cheng Lock, C.B.E., when addressing shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Malaka Pinda Rubber Estates, Limited.

Mr. Tan Cheng Lock, however, added that the future position of the industry as a whole was difficult to foresee.

"While the decline in the domestic use of rubber is more than counteracted for the time being by the consumption and accumulation of reserve stocks of the commodity for war purposes, there are potential dangers facing the industry arising from possible over-production, new planting in countries outside the regulated territories, increased use of the synthetic product in the future and the expected post-war slump," Mr. Tan Cheng Lock emphasised.

A profit of the year amounting to \$138,274.83, and a final dividend of ten per cent, making a total of 14 per cent for the year, was approved.

A further donation of \$1,000 to the War Fund was also approved. Addressing the meeting Mr. Tan Cheng Lock said:

The net profit for the year, after providing for depreciation and directors' fees amounted to \$138,274.83 equivalent to 30.7 per cent on the issued capital of the Company and was treble that for the previous year, thereby permitting the directors to recommend a much higher rate of dividend for the year.

The balance sheet shows an expenditure on development during the year of \$36,106.43, of which \$5,062.79 was spent on the upkeep of the immature replanted area of 100 acres which averages \$50.62 per acre per annum, while the remaining \$31,043.64 represents the initial cost of opening up the 280 acres of new land at Bukit Panchor on Malaka Pinda division and on Bukit Bruang division incurred during the year, which works out at an average of \$107.04 per acre.

CLONAL SEEDLINGS

In this connexion, your directors have acted in the belief that clonal seedling are "just as reliable and high-yielding as the buddings known today." There seems to be a definite beginning in a gradual turn among some planting authorities in favour of clonal seedlings as opposed to bud-grafts, and your directors consider it safe to follow a policy of planting 50/50.

In August 1929, your directors planted 13 acres of our Tanjong Siakope division with Tijkado and Prang Besar selected seeds from which a yield of 1250 pounds per acre per year have been obtained in the first five months of initial tapping on the lower basal bark up to the end of last month, while the bark of these trees is, generally speaking, thicker than that of those on the 27 acres of budded rubber on the same division planted at the same time which gave an average yield of 1123 pounds per acre per annum during the same period of initial tapping.

ASSESSMENT

For the current year our standard assessment has been fixed at 1,032,800 pounds which is a slight increase on the 1,004,800 pounds at which we were assessed last year.

The prospects for rubber during the current year are satisfactory. A good price and a good quota are likely to combine to give a good profit for 1941. But the future position of the industry as a whole is difficult to foresee.

Fourteen thousand copies of a book, "British Cotton and Rayon Textiles," are soon to be sent by the Cotton Board to all parts of the world to show that Britain still delivers the goods.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

A higher level was recorded in the market being steady.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1390	
Bank of East Asia, \$75.50	
Canton Ins., \$207.50	
Union Ins., \$405.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$185.	
Wharves, \$55.	
Docks (O), \$18.50	
Providents, \$5.60	
Hotels, \$3.50	
Trams, \$18.40	
Star Ferries, \$62.	
Lights X Rts., \$6.20	
Lights Rts., 95cts.	
Electric (O), \$40.	
Telephones (O), \$25.25	
Cements, \$18.30	
Dairy Farms, \$19.20	
Watsons, \$11.	
Entertainments, \$7.	
Constructions (O), \$1.60.	

Sellers	
Lights Rts., \$1.	
Cements, \$18.60	
Watsons, \$11.50	
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.	
Sales	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% LOAN (1934), 92 1/2.	
H.K. Banks, \$1395.	
Wharves, \$56.	
Docks (O), \$18.60	
Trams, \$18.40/55.	
Cements, \$18.35.	

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War Effort Of Yunnan

Manpower, Resources Given Freely

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The important part played by Yunnan in the war of resistance was emphasised in Chinese circles here.

Since the outbreak Yunnan sent more than 100,000 men to various fronts.

It is stated the total investments by the Central Government in heavy industries in the province during the same period exceeded \$300,000,000.

Another \$300,000,000 has been spent on the building of railways and highways in Yunnan.

The total note issue of the Fuyien Bank, which is the provincial bank in Yunnan, amounted to \$50,000,000 up to the end of 1940.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The bank invested \$60,000,000 in

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Jan. 16 (Reuter). Jan. 3 Jan. 10

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	25,536	25,905
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India	2,984	2,952
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,441	4,441
Securities (Indian Government)	4,961	4,961
Securities (British Government)	13,150	13,550

(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees).
Brighton Corporation are to dismiss 100 paid A.R.P. wardens, each paid £3 a week. The decision is an economy measure.

the development of natural resources in the province.

The annual output of tin from the world famous mines at Kachin, south of Kunming, estimated at 8,000 tons in pre-war days has been increased to more than 10,000 tons.

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominat	THURSDAY 16 JAN.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominat
				Banks				
\$1390	...	\$1385/90	90	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1385	...
			283	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...		283
			281	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...		281
			268	Chartered Bank	...	...		268
			223	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...		223
			\$10 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...		\$10 1/2
\$75 1/2	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	\$75	...	...	...
			...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	13 1/2
			...	Insurances				
\$207 1/2	...	...	...	Canton Insurances	...	...	\$205	...
\$405	...	...	...	Union Insurances	\$405	...	...	...
			\$1	Underwriters	...	...	80	...
\$165	...	\$167 1/2	...	H.K. Fires	...	...	\$165	...
			...	Shipping				
			\$135	Douglases	...	...	\$135	...
			\$11	Steamships	...	...	\$84	...
			\$100	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	\$100	...
			46 3/4	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	\$100	...
			\$7	Shells	...	...	46 3/4	...
			...	Waterways	...	...	\$7	...
			...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
\$95	...	\$98	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	\$95	...
\$5.65	...	...	...	Providents	...	...	\$5.70	...
			\$18.10	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	\$18 1/2	...
\$18 1/2	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (New)	\$18	...	\$18.10	...
			\$33 1/2	+Shanghai Docks	...	...	\$35 1/2	...
			...	Mining				
			16 3/4	Kailans	...	...	16 3/4	...
			\$91	Rauha	...	...	\$7 1/2	...
			1 1/2 cts.	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
			...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
			\$3.55	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	\$3.55	...
			\$34.60	H.K. Lands	...	...	\$34	...
			\$154	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	\$100	...
			\$3.85	Shanghai Lands	...	...	\$3.45	...
			\$7.96	H.K. Realities	...	...	\$7.90	...
			\$98	Humphreys	...	...	...	...
			...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
			...	Cotton Mills				
			\$48 1/2	Ewo (S.)	...	...	\$46	...
			\$205	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	\$200	...
			...	Zoeng Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
			...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	\$125	...
			...	Public Utilities				
\$18 1/2	\$18 1/2	\$18.35	...	H.K. Tramways	\$18 1/2	...	...	...
			\$7.40	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	\$7.40	...
			\$3 1/2	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	\$3 1/2	...
\$61 1/2	...	...	\$244	Star Ferries	...	...	\$81	...
			\$61	Ymatu Ferries	...	...	\$24 1/2	...
			...	China Lights (O)	\$3.10	X.R.	...	...
			...	H.K. Lights (New)	...	...	...	...
\$40	...	\$392 1/4	40	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	\$40 1/2	...
			\$172	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
			\$102	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
			\$112	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
			...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
\$25 1/2	...	...	\$10.20	Telephones (old)	...	...	\$25 1/2	...
			...	Telephones (new)	...	...	\$10 1/2	...
			...	S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...	...
			...	Industrials				
			\$30	Cald., Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	...
			\$75	Cald., Macg. (Pref.) S.	...	...	...	...
			\$1	Canton Ice	...	...	...	...
\$18 1/2	\$18.50	...	\$8	Cements	...	...	75 cts.	...
			...	H.K. Bks. Loans	...	...	\$18 1/2	...
			...	4% Loan	...	...	\$5 1/2	...
			\$87 1/2	3 1/2% " (1934)	...	...	88 1/2	...
			\$82 1/2	3 1/2% " (1940)	...	...	\$94	...
			...	Miscellaneous				
			...	Dairy Farms	...	...	\$19.	...
\$18.20	...	...	...	Entertainments	...	...	...	...
\$7	...	...	...	Constructions (old)	...	...	\$1.6	...
\$1.60	...	...	\$1	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
			\$9	Lane Crawford	...	...	\$7	...
			...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	...
			\$2.15	Sincere	...	...	\$2.2	...
\$11	...	...	...	Watsons	...	...	\$11	...
			42/47	Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.Bds.	...	...	35 1/2	...
			\$39	H.K. Wing On	...	...	\$39	...
			...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	\$14	...
			...	Vibro Piling	...	...	88	...
\$1.70	...	...	7/8	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...	...
			2/8	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...	...
			\$1.90	Wm. Powells	...	...	\$1.9	...
			...	China Lights (Rights)	...	...	85 cts.	...
5 cts.	\$1.00	95 cts.	...	+Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...	...

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
JANUARY 16, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 420	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/2	
and demand 1/2 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On London:—	
On demand 101 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/4	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Jan. 16.

The price for Ready Silver was unchanged at 23 1/4 but the Forward rate dropped 1/16 to 23 1/16. Silver advices reported the market as being very quiet with a small business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

The Sterling market was steady. U. S. Dollars were easier.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Cash and 1/23 1/32 February/June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market opened with sellers at 23 5/8 for Spot, and 23 11/16 for February, buyers bidding 23 3/4 for Cash. Subsequently business was arranged at 23 11/16 for the end of February and also for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23 11/16 for Cash, buyers bidding 23 11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at various rates. Closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 430 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 1/2 and U. S. Dollars at 5 15/32, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Sterling was again steady in the afternoon and U. S. Dollars were easier.

STERLING

A transaction was reported at 1/3 for April. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 January/February, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 23 9/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 23 9/16 for Cash, buyers bidding 23 5/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Were offered at 434 without attracting buyers. Closed with sellers at 441, buyers at 445 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 1/2 and U. S. Dollars at 5 15/32. Subsequently the rate eased off and sellers were quoted at 3 3/8 for Spot and Dollars at 5 5/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-7/16	0/3-7/16
New York	5-7/16	0/3-23/84
Japan	23-1/8	
India	19	
Paris	nominal	
Hongkong	22-7/8	

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-1/2	0/3-3/8
Jan.	0/3-31/64	0/3-23/84
Feb.	0/3-15/32	0/3-21/84

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	5-1/2	5-9/32
Jan.	5-1/2	5-1/4	
Feb.	5-15/32	5-7/32	

Market:—Uncertain.
—Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Jan. 15, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.48	10.41	10.40	0.06 up
New York Rubber, March	19.75	19.33	19.39	0.06 up
Chicago Wheat, May	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	unch.
Chicago Corn, May	63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	1/4 up
New York Hides, March	13.20	13.10	13.25	0.14 off

NEW YORK COTTON
January 10.28 N 10.37/38 10.38 N .09 up
March 10.40/41 10.43/43 10.46/46 .06 up
May 10.40/40 10.44/44 10.48/48 .08 up
July 10.31/31 10.33/33 10.37/37 .06 up
October 9.83/83 9.86/86 9.96/96 .07 up
December 9.79/79 9.81b/83a 9.91/91 .12 up

Total sales Tuesday:—80,400 bales.

Last Notice Day for January Cotton is January 23, 1941 (Date of Delivery).

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Opening	Closing	Change
March	19.89/90	19.80b/85a	19.87b/70a .22 off
May	19.75b/80a	19.70b/77a	19.60/80 .15 off
July (New contract)	19.65b/89a	19.47b/67a	19.50/50 .15 off
September	19.50 N	19.57 A	19.35b .15 off

Total sales:—600 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	May	July	September
May	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
July	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
September	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2

Tuesday's sales:—3,386,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	May	July	September
May	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
July	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
September	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2

NEW YORK HIDES

	March	May	June
March	13.25/25	13.15/20	13.11/12 .14 off
May	13.04/05	12.94/95	12.80/80 .24 off

Total sales for the day:—106 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

	March	May
March	5.03 N	5.00b/07a
May	5.09 N	5.07/07

Volume of business done:—153 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3:

	March	May
March	2.00b/01a	2.00b/01a
May	2.06b/06a	2.05b/06a

Volume of business done:—153 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4:

	March	May
March	77b/77 1/2	76 1/2b/78a
May	80b/80 1/2	80b/80 1/2

Volume of business done:—97 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	March	July	N.Y. Official Silver	N.Y. London Cross Rate
March	11.15b/23a	11.10b/23a	34-3/4	4.03-3/4
July	11.15b/19a	11.12b/23a	34-3/4	unreceived.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 15.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3 1/2%	101 1/2
Antion-K'loon Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	28 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 3 1/2% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chun. Imperial Rly. 5%	47
Loan	17
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Jung Tsing & U. Hoi Rly. 5% 1913	14
S'hai-N'Kling Rly. 5%	18
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	24 1/2

rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 23 1/2 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Jan. 15 (Reuter).	
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-01-0.	

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 15 (Reuter).	
T.T. on Japan, 51-1/4	

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 15 (Reuter).
Silver—Smaller offerings encountered poor support. Business limited. Market quiet. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet.

Spot, 23-1/4d.
Forward, 23-3/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 15 (Reuter).	
Market—Steady. Offtake 50 bars	
Indian Mint Silver	
Ready	62-15
Jan. 22 Settlement	62-14
Feb. 22 Settlement	12-15

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 15 (Reuter).	
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-	

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JANUARY 16, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Jan. 15	Jan. 15	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
Adam's Express	7 1/2	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	35 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	31 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30
Amer. Can.	92 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, ptd.	25 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	36 1/2	Montgomery Ward	38 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	11	M'tain City Copper Co.	31
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pt.	20	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	19 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	43 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	New York Central	14 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	7 1/2	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	7	North American Co.	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	47 1/2
Aviation Corp.	44	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	14 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bendix Aviation	35 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	86 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39
Bliss & Co.	18	Public Service of N.J.	29 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	16 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Borg-Warner	19 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Case, J.I.	55 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Celanese	27 1/2	Republic Steel	21 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	43 1/2	Revere Corp.	10 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	68 1/2	Raynold Tobac. "B"	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44	Safeway Stores	44 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Continental Can	39	Southern Pacific	8 1/2
Continental Oil	20	Southern Ry \$5 ptd.	22 1/2
Copperweld Steel	17 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	36 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Standard Oil of California	20
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	77 1/2	Stone & Webster	8
Du Pont de Nemours	180 1/2	Studebaker Com.	8
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Swift International	10 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	36 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Autolite	32 1/2	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	4	Texas Gulf Sulphur	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	66	Timken-Axle	33 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	66	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	34	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Flintkote	14 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	54 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	69 1/2
Gen. Electric	34 1/2	Union Pacific	82
Gen. Motors	48 1/2	United Aircraft	42 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	United Corp.	11
Gildden Co.	14 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	30 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	14 1/2	United Gas Corp.	1
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62 1/2	United Gas Improvement	10 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	19 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	27 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Great Northern Rly. ptd.	27 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 ptd.	90 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Smelting	64 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	12 1/2	U.S. Steel	67 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	74 1/2	Vanadium	32 1/2
Homestake Mining	51 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	7 1/2
Int. Nickel	28 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	14 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	22	Westinghouse Elec.	103
Johnsman	62 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32
Kennecott Copper	35 1/2	Chase National Bank	33 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	42	National City Bank	28 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	26 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940	Jan. 14	Jan. 15, 1941	Change
High	123.50	121.84	121.22	131.51
Low	111.84	30	29.34	28.96
Industrials	32.47	22.15	20.42	20.44
Rails	28.45	18.03	20.42	20.44
Utilities	92.13	88.08	40	81.85
Bonds	64.07	48.47	11	57.41
Commodity Index				16 up

Business Done:—400,000 shares

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U.S. MOVING TO ACQUIRE BASE AT MARTINIQUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—There are good reasons to believe that the United States is seeking to establish naval and air bases in the French West Indies possessions in order to complete the ring of defenses protecting the Panama Canal from the Caribbean. Cession or lease of a naval and air base at Fort de France, Martinique, and an air base on Guadeloupe Island is being sought, writes Peter C. Rhodes, in the Manila Bulletin.

Negotiations are progressing at present both in Washington and Fort de France. According to reliable information, the problem was discussed at sea when President Roosevelt and Admiral Georges Robert, high commissioner of the French West Indies possessions, conferred during the President's recent cruise in the Caribbean.

Discussions at Washington between French Ambassador Henri Haye and State Secretary Cordell Hull and between the American attaché, Robert Murphy, and French authorities at Martinique, paved the way for the direct discussions between Mr. Roosevelt and Admiral Robert.

BOTH AT GUADELOUPE
On Dec. 8, the President called at Martinique and received aboard the USS Tuscaloosa, Naval Attaché Blunkesship, Vice Consul Vinkler Blocker and two American representatives stationed at Fort de France.

Two days previously, Mr. Roosevelt had received authorization from French Chief of State Marshal Henri Petain to carry on full discussion with French representatives, together with secret coded instructions on how to conduct such negotiations.

Mr. Roosevelt did not receive Admiral Robert aboard his ship while in Martinique, nor did he go ashore to speak to the high

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Jan. 16.
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.15 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 79 per cent
Wind Direction, SE
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4
Temperature: Maximum yesterday 88 F.
Temperature: minimum last night 62 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 0.45 ins.
Against an average of 0.39 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.06 a.m.
4 p.m., Jan. 16.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.06 ins.
Temperature, 67 F.
Humidity, 68 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 70 F.
Minimum temperature, 62 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 17 to 23 Jan. 1941.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High WATER		Low WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	17	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.
		12 37	5.1	05 11	0.7
		23 56	7.3	17 28	3.0
Sat	18	—	—	06 48	1.2
		13 24	5.2	18 21	3.1
Sun	19	00 49	6.4	07 27	1.6
		14 11	5.4	18 29	3.2
Mon.	20	11 54	6.6	08 11	2.2
		15 08	5.6	21 11	3.2
Tues.	21	03 2	4.8	08 57	2.7
		16 09	5.9	23 07	2.9
Wed.	22	14 58	4.4	09 56	3.1
		17 10	6.2	—	—
Thur.	23	06 40	6.3	09 37	2.3
		18 12	6.6	11 02	3.4

A.R.P. ORDERS

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

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The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:
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Western.—3354 Ho Kwai-lit, 3335 Lam Shui-in, 3336 Lo Kang-yam, 3357 Mak Sau, 3358 Pang Tung, 3359 Wong Kai-hon, 3247 Yau Hon-hing.

Upper Levels.—555 Miss Chan Ying, 614 Miss Ko Siu-lu, 3288 Leung Man-fai, 3289 Mak Kai-wah, 3390 Wan Yee, 3318 Wong Chun-ping, 3319 Miss Wong Yuen.

Pokfulam.—3306 Hang Shun-ko

3310 Wan Shu-kwong, 3311 Lau Ka-pai, 3312 Lau On, 3313 Lee Chik-yuen

3314 Leung Hon-cheung, 3315 Tam Kam-ko, 3316 Wong Kang-chau, 3317 Yan See-hing.

Gough Hill.—1511 A. Pollard.

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2600 Chau Shing-fun, 3298 Fan Chung-kit, 3300 Ip Pei-hoi, 3301 Kwok Kim-fai, 3302 Lau Ying-kit, 3303 Lee Shu-kwan, 3305 Ma Wai-kui, 3306 Miss Shek Wan-man, 3307 Wong Kai-chiu,

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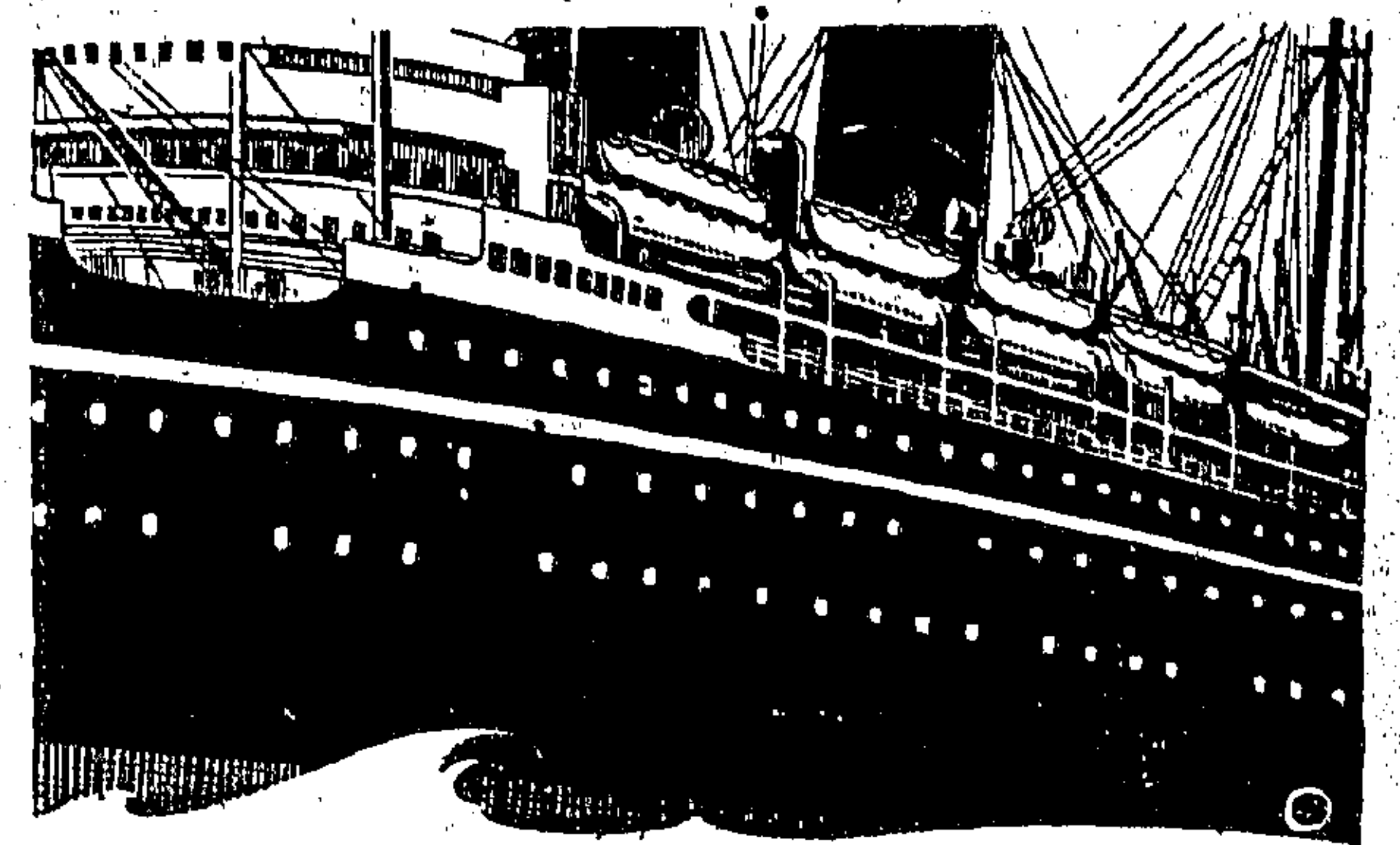
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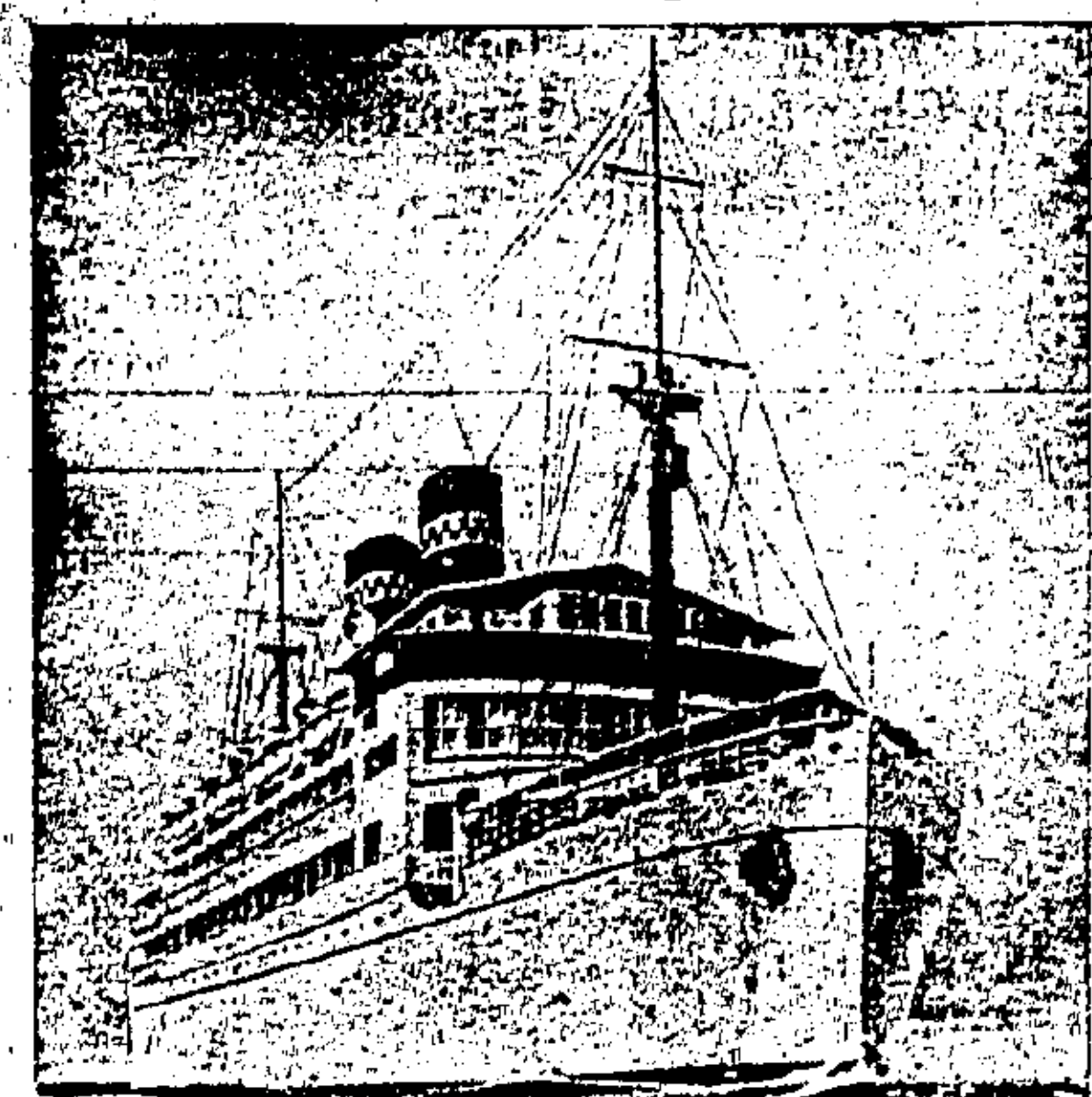
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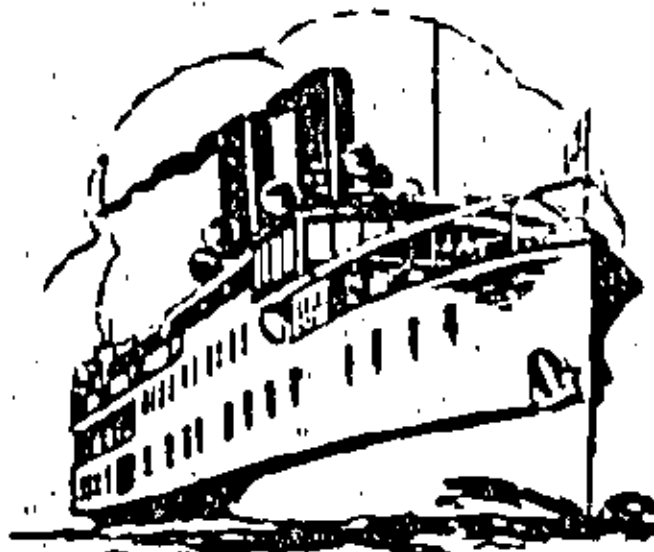
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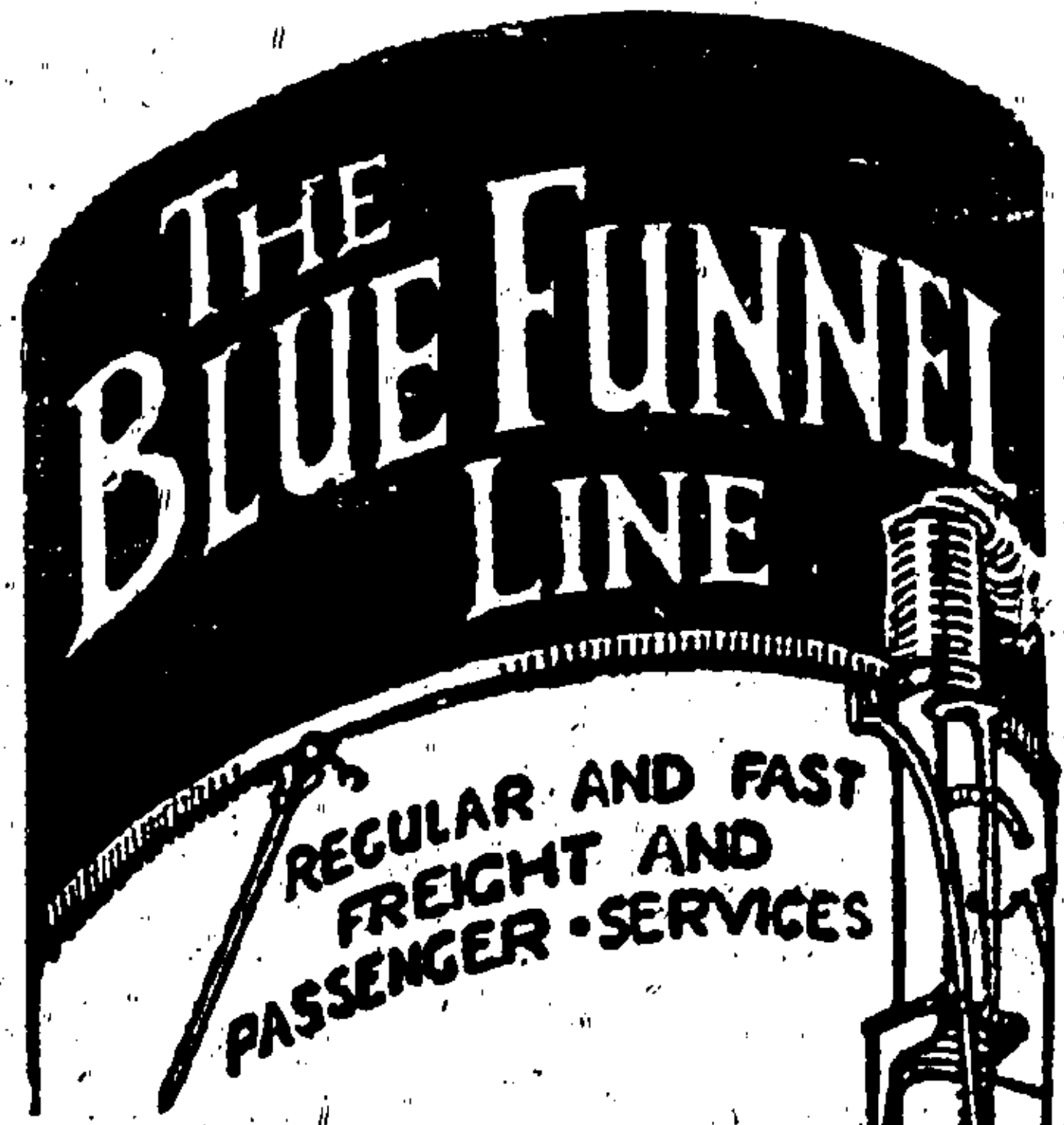
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Masterpiece For White House

CHINESE PROFESSOR PAINTS PICTURE FOR PRESIDENT

The White House at Washington will soon be decorated with a Chinese painting entitled "A Hundred Pigeons" by Professor S. C. Chang of Central University. It is being rushed to Washington in a Clipper plane. The painting was recently presented to President Roosevelt through Mr. Nelson Johnson, American Ambassador to China, at a meeting held at Chungking at which Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, Dr. H. H. Kung and Mr. Lo Chia-len, president of Central University, were present.

100 PIGEONS

Exactly 100 pigeons were painted in various colours by Professor Chang on a long scroll of paper, together with some trees and flowers. Each bird has its own form and they all are engaged in different activities in one painting which measures 14 feet in width and six feet in length. The pigeons which are said to symbolize peace and friendly relations between China and the United States, are all life-like and attracted a large crowd of high officials and diplomats at the presentation ceremony. On the right hand corner of the painting, General Chiang Kai-shek wrote four Chinese characters meaning "righteous peace."

REACH ON JAN. 20

This Chinese masterpiece of fine arts is expected to reach America before January 20 so that it may be hung inside the White House just before President Roosevelt is officially inaugurated as president for his third term.

It took Professor Chang the whole summer to finish the work while Japanese planes were continuously bombing Chungking. Professor Chang himself handed over the painting to Mr. Johnson and spoke a few words explaining the motive of the presentation to the American President.

IS IT ONLY A RUMOUR—

That an elderly lady asked a policeman in a Piccadilly Shelter to find her another place as she had never before slept next a man?

That the Policeman intimated that it was never too late to start?

That a warden has been seen patrolling St. James' holding an umbrella over his head?

That the same warden steers, or the Green Park Shelters?

That the Lavatory Attendant at the Piccadilly Circus Underground wants double pay for Friday and Saturday nights?

BURMESE MISSION TO CHUNGKING

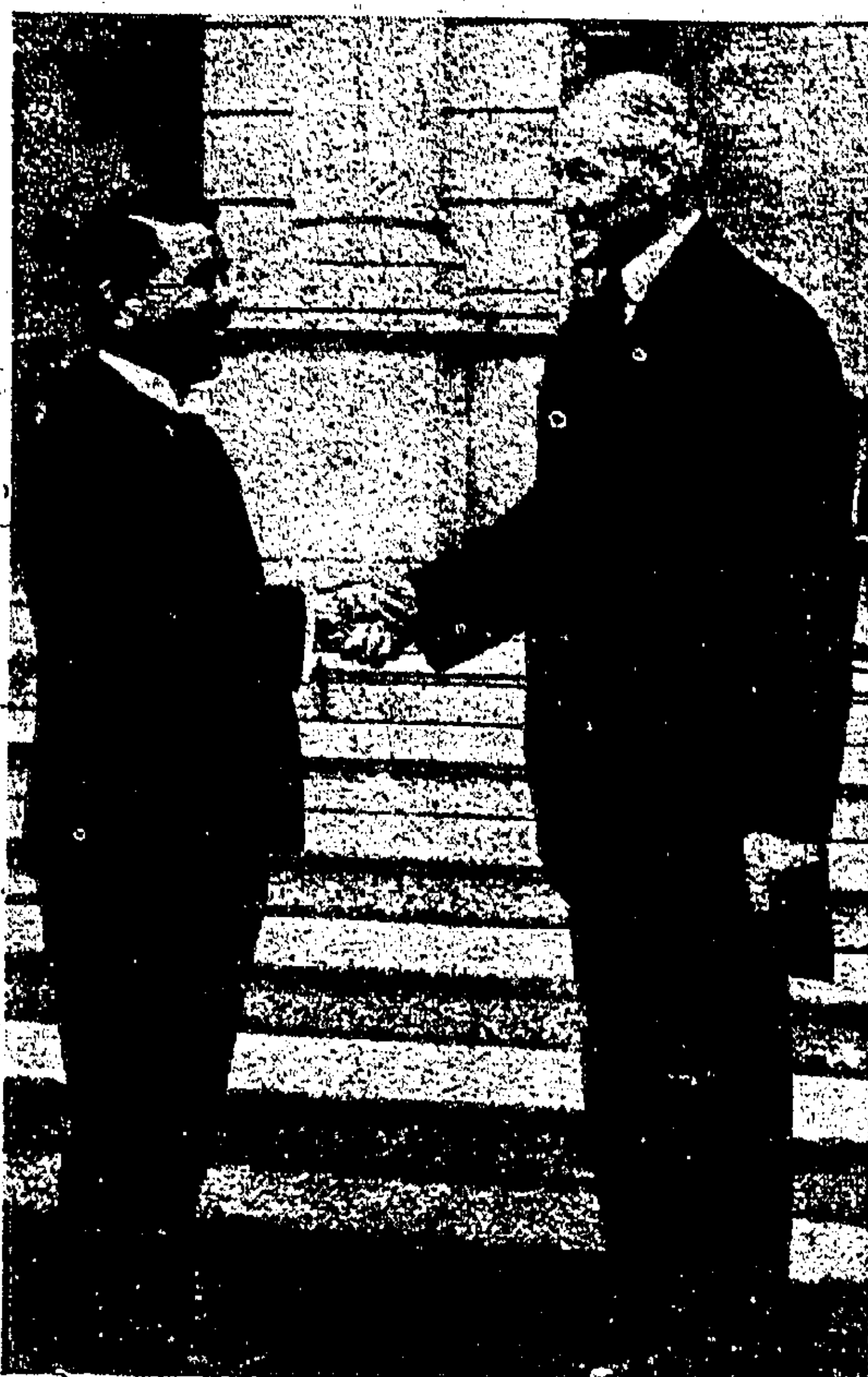
CHUNGKING, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Burmese Government Mission was expected to arrive here at 8 p.m. yesterday by air from Lashio.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The first contingent of United States soldiers to leave for the military bases acquired from Britain, sailed for Newfoundland on Wednesday aboard the former German liner, Amerika.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Chinese press reports that the new Sino-British trade agreement which will be signed in Chungking in a few days far exceeds the aggregate value of the recent Sino-Soviet agreement.

For driving a horse and van along a road closed to traffic because of an unexploded bomb, Joseph Hook, 17, a baker's roundsman, Elm-road, Shochuburness, was fined £5 at Southend.

Binding over a seaman, Sidney Robert Piercy, 24, of Augustine House, Woodseer street, Stepney, on a charge of being concerned in stealing articles worth £25 10s 6d from a house, the Old-street magistrate said a condition was that Piercy would not frequent London.



Sir John Latham, newly-appointed first Australian Minister to Japan, being greeted by Mr. Koki Hirota, former Japanese Foreign Minister.

British Patrols Exploring The Defences Of Tobruk

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The period of waiting before the attack on Tobruk is essential not only on account of patrol activity to explore Tobruk's defences but also because of the necessity of storing up generous supplies of food, water and ammunition, writes Reuter's correspondent outside Tobruk.

"In this desert war, the quartermaster seems to have become almost as important as the fighting man," said one officer who explained that some idea of the Army of the Nile's present problems and past achievements could be got when the present campaign is expressed in terms of Britain itself.

The task of attacking Tobruk from the base at Alexandria or Cairo will be similar to that facing a hostile army trying to attack, say, Inverness, from London without any railway beyond York and with single road between York and Inverness, either indescribably bad or almost non-existent.

Add to this the complete absence of water supplies or petrol pumps anywhere along the route and sandstorm like a peaspout fog totally obscuring the road and aerodromes for days at a time.

NATURAL FORTRESS

Actually the more I see of the Western Desert the more it seems clear that the British Army has no right to be outside Tobruk at all. Bardia's defences alone in the hands of anybody but the Italians might have occupied our troops for months.

I spent two days inspecting the Bardia defence zone and all officers and men to whom I have spoken expressed astonishment that the Italians surrendered after only 36 hours' fighting. The whole defended area constitutes a natural fortress with deep ravines, with caves protected by many feet of solid rock, proof against any bomb or shell, and containing

huge stores of ammunition and food.

Part of the Headquarters Staff was housed in the network of caves and tunnels. The General's office had over 30 feet of rock above it and had its own electric light.

Besides these natural advantages, Bardia had a series of well-constructed defence posts, reinforced with concrete.

CAPTURE OF GENERAL

Appropos the Italian surrender, an amusing story of how one of the Bardia generals was captured is told. A British sergeant saw a movement in a cave on the sea shore and shouted to the occupants to come out. Receiving no response, he fired two revolver shots into the cave without reply. A British colonel bathing nearby came to assist the sergeant and stationed himself at the other exit of the cave where the Italian general finally appeared and was arrested by the colonel wearing only a pair of slippers and a revolver.

INSTRUCTION IN A.R.P. METHODS

To infuse proper air raid precaution methods into the minds of the Colony's residents, an A. R. P. mobile exhibition will be held in different parts of the Colony on various dates beginning Jan. 20.

The exhibition will be in the form of a short play, staged by groups of six A. R. P. wardens, during which various methods of covering up, lighting apparatus and screening windows will be enacted.

The play is under the joint supervision of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. Wong Po-lim, divisional wardens for Central Division "D" and Shaikwan Division, respectively.

A rehearsal was staged at the A. R. P. Headquarters yesterday evening.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Fourteen Americans forming the first group of American ambulance drivers financed by "the American Field Service" left yesterday for South Africa in the Japanese ship Africa Maru. They include two multi-millionaires. All members of the party are scions of notable families.

FOREIGN MAILS

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 15th January.	22nd Jan.
Java and Manila	22nd Jan.
Canton	22nd Jan.
Australia and Manila	22nd Jan.
Sandakan	23rd Jan.
United Kingdom and Straits	24th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	25th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date 10th January)	28th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	30th Jan.
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Manila, Straits, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban.	8.30 AM
TUESDAY	Tue. 21st
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 1.00 PM
	Reg. 3.45 PM
	Ord. 3.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 1.00 PM
	Reg. 2.40 PM
	Ord. 3.30 PM
	3.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 22nd
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
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Canton	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 23rd
	K.P.O.
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Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 5.00 PM
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SATURDAY	Sat. 25th
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	Reg. 25th 9.45 AM
	Ord. 25th 10.30 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and United Kingdom.	
SUNDAY	Sun. 26th
Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi	8.30 AM
TUESDAY	Tue. 28th
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 26th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 28th 8.30 AM

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